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TEPELINI & HIMARA OCCUPIED BY GREEK TROOPS, SAYS REPORT

Special to the "Telegraph"
STRUGA, DEC. 16 (UP).—REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER SAY THAT ADVANCE
UNITS OF THE GREEK ARMY ENTERED TEPELINI AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET, AT
10 A.M. TO-DAY AND OCCUPIED SOME OF THE STREETS IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF
THE TOWN.

ITALIANS HARD PRESSED

'Official Rome Admission'
Special to the "Telegraph"

It was officially admitted by the Italian High Com-
mand in Rome yesterday that British pressure on the
Libyan frontier continues, says a "United Press"
despatch.

A "Reuter" report from London says that Marshal Graz-
iani's troops are strongly entrenched in Sollum, which is just
inside Egypt, and that British forces have encircled them,
sweeping on across the Libyan frontier.

Gifts to Britain Are Advocated by Mrs Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reu-
ter).—Outright cash gifts to
Britain rather than loans, were
advocated by Mrs Roosevelt at a
press conference to-day.
Asked where such a gift would
come from, she replied: "From
Government" adding, "Ultimate-
ly they would come from the
pockets of you and me."

"A certain number of people," she
continued, "are under the impression
that we are giving aid to England,
but we must face the reality. We are
being paid."

Preference To Loans
She added that gifts would be less
likely to involve the United States in
war than would loans. Sending sup-
plies to Britain had been helpful to
the United States in that it had
helped to stimulate industry in the
interests of the United States National
Defence.

"We do not see that there must be
a reason to talk about loans. We
should not make the mistake we
made the last time."

Mrs Roosevelt nodded when asked
if she meant that these loans were not
repaid.

Assistance Sought
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—It
has been confirmed by high officials
that the British Government has
asked the United States for financial
assistance. They said that Sir
Frederick Phillips, who is at present
confering with Mr Henry Morgenthau,
Secretary of the Treasury, had
asked for aid but the type of loan or
the amount is not known.

Repeat Act, Proposal
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—
Representative Sol. Bloom, Chairman
of the House Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee, proposed to-day that the
Neutrality Act be repealed in order
to give more help to Britain. He
said: "There is no use in fooling our-
selves. It is necessary to repeal the
Act in order to help Britain, it should
be done."

He emphasized that he is strongly
opposed to the use of United States
warships as escorts for vessels in
British convoys.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. con-
tinues to hammer the enemy's
bases, including Bardia, which
may be the next objective of the
Army of the Nile.

Greatest Colonial Battle
LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—"The
greatest colonial battle in history" is
how the Giornale d'Italia describes
the military operations in North
Africa.

Significantly emphasizing British
strength in North Africa, the news-
paper declares: "The British Com-
mand has launched in battle 300,000
men from the four corners of the
Empire and 800 armoured cars and
tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful
means, the most powerful empire in
the world believes that it can render
help to combat one of the peoples of
the Axis. The events of the next few
days will prove that this is an
erroneous calculation."

Replying to a question by an
American journalist who spoke of the
advantages to Britain of a separate
peace with Italy, the "Giornale
d'Italia" declares: "Italy is un-
shakably at its fighting post and will
not withdraw."

Unforgettable Sight
("REUTER" WITH ARMY OF THE NILE)
CAIRO, Dec. 16.—A vivid story of
a trip of five days across the Western
Desert by a band of picked Aus-
tralian cameramen trying to catch up
with the Imperial troops was told me
by Captain Frank Hurley, official
cameraman with the Australian
Forces in the Near East, who has
made a complete film record of the
offensive.

Captain Hurley, who acted as
official photographer in France in the
last war and made five trips to the
South Pole with Shackleton and
Muirson, described the Western cam-
paign as a "complete film record of
some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners
guarded by a score of Tommies."

A Sergeant Major was wading the
prisoners in batches of 20 from a
disused Roman well cut in solid rock.
Hurley described the Western cam-
paign as an unforgettable sight, silent as
a grave. Everybody had moved on
except two British Tommies left in
charge of British tanks damaged in
action.

Dead Caked In Dust
Italian dead lay all around, their
bodies caked in dust. Hurley counted
38 Italian tanks—some smashed.
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**King Cheers Citizens
Among Bristol Ruins**

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Standing on a heap of
blackened ruins in Bristol to-day, His Majesty the King talked
to a woman whose home lay in ruins.

The woman, carrying a baby
daughter in her arms, told the
King how she, with three other
daughters and a baby, was buried
for hours beneath tons of bricks,
tiles and broken glass when
Bristol had its big bombing
attack recently.

Another column is reported to have occupied
the coastal town of Himara early to-day on the
road towards Valona after fierce fighting, includ-
ing hand-to-hand exchanges.

TEPELINI WHOLLY OCCUPIED

STRUGA, Dec. 16 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports from
the frontier to-day say the Greeks occupied the entire
town of Tepelini at 4 p.m.
retreating to the northward
into the Trebesina moun-
tains.

Fall Predicted

LONDON, Dec. 16 (British Wire-
less).—A Greek G.H.Q. communique
issued last night tells of further
successes. Local fights have been
crowned with success, it states.
New heights have been occupied. A
certain number of prisoners and a
considerable number of machine-
guns, as well as mortars, have fallen
into our hands.

According to a press message much
snow has fallen on the northern front
and at points it lies five or six feet
deep.
From information reaching London
it would appear that the capture by
the Greeks of Tepelini is imminent.
This small town on the road to Valona
is protected by a strongly fortified
line between it and Kelyre which
the Greeks are reported to be out-
flanking.

Snow Blankets Front Line

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—
Reuter's correspondent on the Yugo-
Slavian-Albanian frontier reports
that there was fighting throughout
Sunday on the northern sector,
mainly limited to an artillery duel.
North-west of Pogradec the Greeks
advanced a mile and a half in front
of an important village. Heavy snow
is now falling on the whole front.
Two Italian deserters stated that
there was a great food and ammuni-
tion shortage. They had also heard
peace propaganda in Italy and that a
German army was en route to Italy.

Decoux Flies To Saigon

Significant Move

SIAM, Dec. 16 (Dante).—
Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, the
Governor-General of French
Indo-China, left here for Saigon
by an Air France plane at 5
o'clock this afternoon. It is
understood that the Governor-
General will stay at Saigon for
about a month or two.

Observers see unusual significance
in the Governor's trip in view of the
current border dispute with Thailand
and the recent series of riots by An-
namites in Cochinchina.
Major-General Raishiro Sumita,
chief of the Japanese Military Mis-
sion to French Indo-China, is also
flying to Saigon on December 20 on
an inspection tour of the southern
districts of French Indo-China.

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attack recently.

The King travelled several miles
through the city to see the devastation
caused by recent raids, and at several
points where he left his car, he was
completely surrounded by cheering
men and women, many of whom
shouted: "We are not down-hearted,
God bless Your Majesty."

The tour included a visit to Bristol
University, where the King inspected
the damage to the Great Hall and
was cheered by a crowd of men and
women students.
His Majesty also had a meeting
with his mother, Queen Mary, who is
now living in the West Country, and
who gave the King her good wishes
on his birthday.

R.A.F. Bomb Vital Points In Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Railway communi-
cations, munition factories and power plants were attacked
by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on
Sunday night and in the early hours of this morning,
says the Air Ministry.

SYRIA ANXIOUS New Commissioner Appointed

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—
The nomination of General
Dentz as French High Com-
missioner for Syria and Lebanon
has caused some restlessness in
these territories, according to
information reaching the Free
French news agency.

Sabotage on railways and in
factories is reported while,
despite a severe censorship,
General de Gaulle's latest appeal
was distributed throughout Syria
and Lebanon.
It is also noteworthy, according to
the Free French agency, that the
restlessness coincides with the re-
starting of administrative services in the
mandated territory.

Lloyd George Sees Premier Speculation On His Future Career

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Dome).—
Mr Lloyd George, whose future
has been the topic of speculation
during the past few days, called
on the Prime Minister at 10
Downing Street this afternoon
and conferred with him for
some time.

It is rumoured that Mr Lloyd
George may accept a post in the War
Cabinet or succeed the late Lord
Lothian as the Ambassador to
Washington.

Ship Being Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

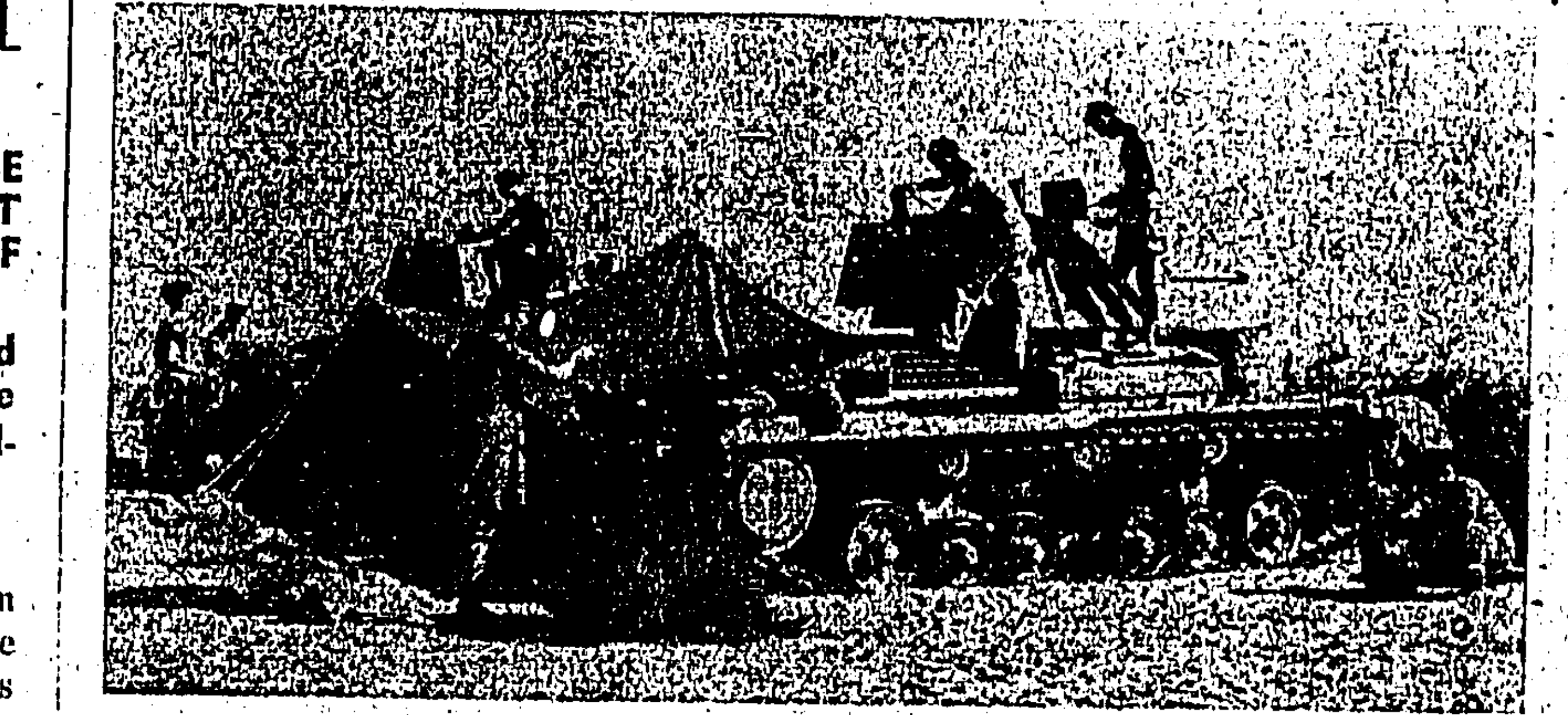
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UP).—
The Mackay Radio reports
having intercepted a message
from the steamer Bio Island,
saying that she was being
bombed 340 miles west by south
of Tory Island, which is near
the north coast of Ireland.

**Italians Try Coal Gas
To Drive Aeroplanes**

ROME, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The
Italian air force is experimenting
with coal gas as a driving power for
aeroplanes.
The "Stefani" News Agency says
that experiments are carried out at
the aerodrome near Milan.
A Breda plane, fitted with an
80-h.p. motor, was adapted for the
use of coal gas and the agency states
that it took off easily and rose to a
height of 180 feet.

MEN AND WEAPONS THE ITALIANS FEAR

At last the Italian forces in the Western Desert have come up against the might of
the British mechanised troops and the terrifying effect of British bayonets, before which Il
Duce's men are fleeing in panic. In the picture immediately below is illustrated one of the
tanks which have been in action during the past week. It is being cleaned up ready for
use by members of the crew. Below is Captain G. J. Dean, well-known International rugby
scrum-half, now an officer in the Royal Tank Regiment operating in the Western Desert,
writing his despatches.



3 A.M. Attack

The next series of raids began at
3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour.
The weather was then much better
and visibility excellent.
Power stations, railway junctions
and godowns were now the chief
objectives. A stick of heavy high
explosive bombs fell right in the
centre of a railway junction and im-
mediately started fires which were
still increasing as our aircraft left.

At another junction, where some of
the heaviest bombs were dropped,
there were bursts all along the
sidings. A great cloud of black
smoke rose high in the air while
debris was flung even higher by
the explosion of the bombs.

Two large fires were started at
one power station.
A smaller force of bombers attack-
ed the west harbour at Frankfurt,
where there is a great collection of
warehouses, factories, grain elevators
and oil plants, for well over two
hours.

The free port of Bremen was also
attacked.

Berlin Admits Damage

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (UP).—The High
Command to-day reports that one
railway line was temporarily inter-
rupted as a result of last night's
British raids.

At Herford, Westphalia, a church
was destroyed by a direct hit. One
British plane was shot down.

No R.A.F. Losses

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—"An
attack on a number of important tar-
gets in the Berlin area, including
railways, factories and public utili-
ties," is mentioned in an R.A.F. com-
munique describing Sunday night's
activities.
Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bomb-
ed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-
Maine and neighbouring targets,
while Kiel shipyards and Bremen
were also attacked.

The communique adds that during
the course of the operations, R.A.F.
bombers observed enemy merchant
vessels off the French coast and
attacked them, scoring direct hits.
No British aircraft are missing.

Indo-China Will Not Yield To Thai Menaces

VICHY, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The integrity of Indo-China is
to be maintained absolutely intact, says a statement issued to-
day by the French Ministry of Colonies in connection with Thai
land frontier incidents.

Complaining about the frequent
border raids in which "intolerable
attacks on Indo-Chinese persons and
property" were made and French
and natives were killed, and recalling
that Thai planes had bombed several
Indo-Chinese localities, the official
statement says that in reprisal, Indo-
Chinese aircraft "dropped bombs on
an equivalent number of Siamese
localities."

The statement concludes: "The
Government of Thailand will doubt-
less not delay in reducing to order
these unfortunate excursions of
pirates or leaders of military units
at a distance from Bangkok."

Cambodia's King Interviewed

PNOMPENH, Dec. 16 (UP).—
Although he has been quite ill for
some time, Sisowath Monivong, 65,
King of Cambodia granted an ex-
clusive interview to the United
Press to-day from his golden roofed
palace at Pnom Penh. It was his
first statement to the foreign press.
The King said, "Because of the
present circumstances, the Kingdom
of Cambodia is now united more
strongly than ever before with
France, for it was France who snatch-
ed Cambodia from total destruction
and during the past 70 years has
caused complete peace and progress
in the country. It is not only the
loyalty of the Khmer people and their
King feels towards France, it is even more
like the true love that children give
their mother. At present, when
foreign claims are being made which
appear strange to the Khmers who
know the history of their fatherland,
the Cambodians unanimously assure
France of their entire concurrence
for the defence of Cambodian sacred
soil."

NEWPORT, R.I. Dec. 16 (UP).—
Admiral Harry Yarnell (Ret.) has
been confined to the Naval Hospital
since last Friday with bronchitis.
His wife reported that he was com-
fortable and that his condition is not
believed to be serious; however, he
will remain in bed for one week.

TURKISH FLOODS Torrential Rain Swamps Plains

ISTANBUL, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—
Widespread floods have caused serious
damage in Anatolia.
Torrential rains have swollen the
Simsar and Hanife Rivers, which have
again inundated the districts which
were flooded last year.
The low-lying regions in the
province of Smyrna are also under
water.
So far no casualties are reported
but the damage is large.
Snowstorms and bitter cold are
reported throughout Turkey.

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Raid—Weary Nazis Want Rest

WORKERS in some areas of Germany where the R.A.F. has hammered Hitler's war plants, night after night, have protested that they cannot continue work—they need sleep.

Production has dropped. The big industrial works outside Hanover have been gutted.

In the Rhineland, so incessant have been the R.A.F. raids that munition plants are being transferred to Czechoslovakia.

These are some of the outstanding impressions to have gathered, says a British United Press correspondent, after a tour of the German frontier from Pilschach, on Lake Constance, to Basel.

Stringent precautions are taken by the German authorities against leakage of information about damage caused by British raids.

Rumour Tactics

Penalties are so harsh that eye-witnesses hardly care to discuss these happenings even with intimate friends.

When damage like that caused by the British raid on the big aluminium works at Rheinfelden can no longer be denied, frontier passes are temporarily withdrawn from German workers near the border, and rumours are spread that most of the R.A.F. bombs were duds.

At Elsfeld, near Dortmund, workers in a cloth factory protested that they could not continue work, because of the lack of sleep. Production in this factory had slumped tremendously.

All military objectives in Hamburg had been destroyed.

DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

Miami, Dec. 16. The Duchess of Windsor has been ordered to bed for a complete rest as the result of "slight complications" after her major dental operation on Tuesday.—United Press.

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12.40 Hawaiian Selections.

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1.30 Compositions of Bizet.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 A Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Reports and Announcements.

8.03 Brahms—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77.

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8.43 Louis Kentner at the Piano. Scherzo—Les Patineurs (Meyerbeer-Liszt); Nalla Valse (Delibes, arr. Dohnanyi).

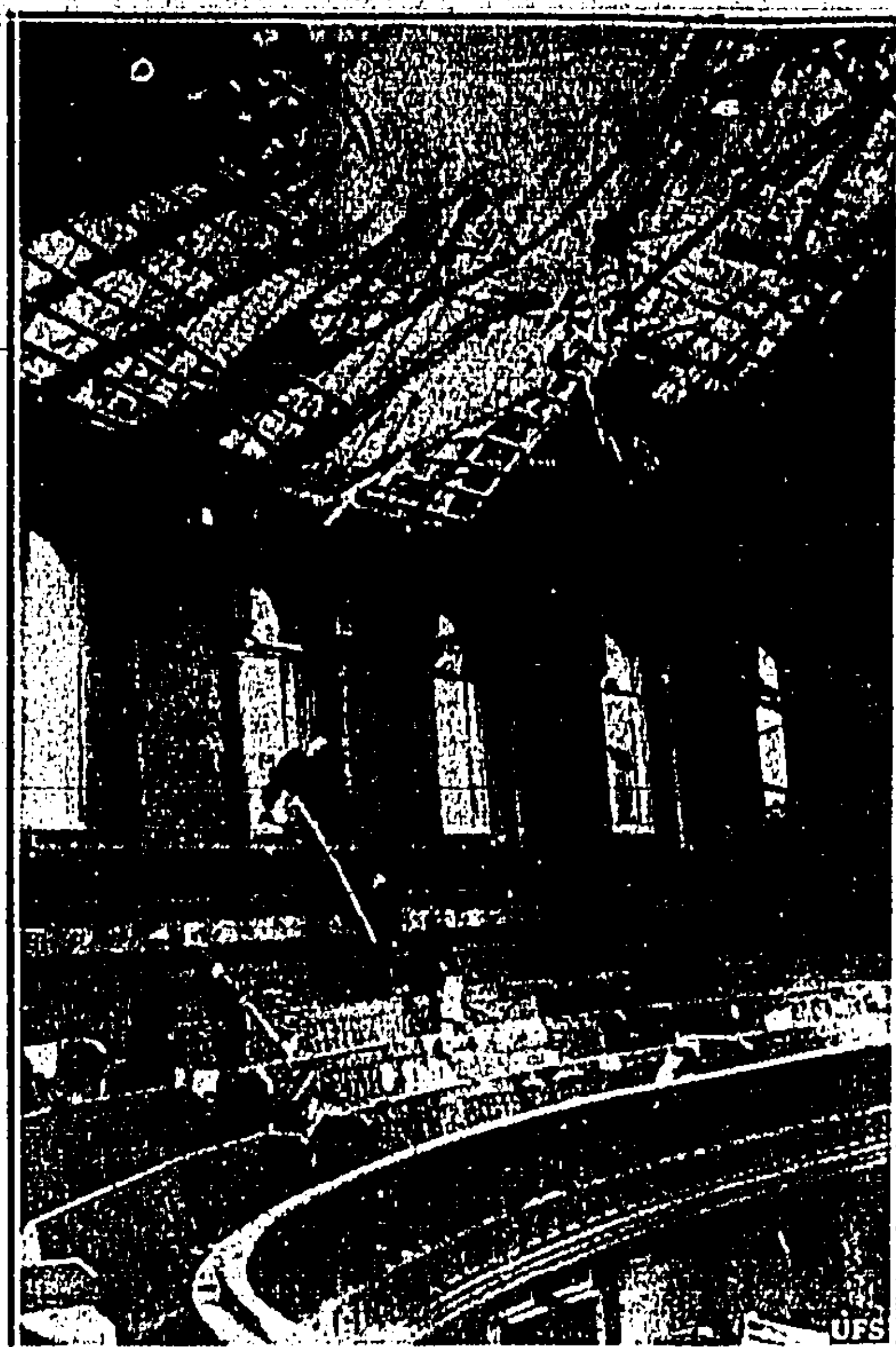
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9.45 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

10.18 Variety Programme.

11.00 Close down.



BOMB WENT TO CHURCH—One of Hitler's air raiders scored a direct hit this London church, ripping a vast hole in a skylight. Workers are among the pews to clean up the debris.

FOUND GOLD ON HOLIDAY

Klondike "gold rush" scenes are being repeated on the East of Canada on the Golden sands of Fundy Bay.

For years the hard-packed strand has been known to be full of "fool's gold"—iron pyrites, the bogeyman of prospectors. It glistens like the real thing, but is worthless.

A few months ago, however, a 48-years-old carpenter of St. John, N.B., named John Burchill, went to the Bay of Fundy for a day's rest by the sea. Sprawling on the sand he idled the time away by picking the flakes of "fool's gold" out with his pen-knife.

Rubbing them between his fingers he expected them to powder, as iron pyrites do. To his amazement they flattened out under pressure. Instead, "This is gold," he told himself. He sent a sample of the sand to McGill University at Montreal and asked them to give him their expert opinion. They reported back: the sample showed that a ton of such sand contained gold valued at nearly £200.

Staked Claim

Burchill then invested £2 in a prospector's licence, and staked a claim to 300 acres—the maximum the Government allows.

This caused the news to fly, and a "gold rush" has set in. The main road from St. John to Saint's Rest became jammed for days with people on foot and in cars. Stakes have now been claimed all along the coastline.

ONE DAY OFF IN FOUR

As a lead to the country the Home Government has recommended that all departments of the Civil Service rearrange their working week to give each employee one day off in four.

This, it thinks, will ensure people getting the requisite amount of sleep and maintain the strength and morale of the nation.

It will also reduce the strain of transport services, particularly in London, by 25 per cent. Owners of private cars have been asked to keep out of Central London.

Nazis Start Trams For Jews Only

New anti-Jewish measures have been ordered by the Nazis in Warsaw.

Special tramcars marked with the star of Zion and labelled "For Jews only" have now begun to circulate in the Polish capital.

According to "De Morgenpost," a Nazi paper published in Polish Upper Silesia, Germany will solve the Jewish problem in Europe by expelling them to a vast, barren, white special colony will be set up for them under German and Italian supervision.

It is admitted in Nazi circles that the attempt to create a "Jewish Reservation" in Eastern Poland in the district of Lublin has hopelessly failed.

The scheme, involving the deportation of all German and Czech Jews to Lublin, has been given up.

It is impossible, the Nazis now try to explain, to solve the Jewish problem while the war is still on.

TRAPPED NURSE DIES AS SIREN SOUNDS AGAIN

Six nurses were buried when a bomb demolished the nurses' wing of a London hospital recently. They were asleep on the second floor when the bomb dropped and demolished three floors above them.

The cries of Miss Barbara Mortimer Thomas, a thirty-two-year-old masseuse, of Pymble, Sydney, attracted the attention of rescue squads.

She was buried in debris. A steel girder lay across her chest, and only her head and shoulders could be seen. All the building around was in ruins, and the floor supporting her bed was likely to collapse at any moment. The rescue squad started to build up steel scaffolding, which grew all day until it was forty feet high. Other men made a hole in the floor beneath Miss Thomas.

Joked With Doctor

They even cut the legs of her bed away with hacksaws. She joked and assured doctors she was all right, and stretched out her free arm so that they could give her morphine.

They broke a hole in the wall and gave her tea. Hours passed. Still she joked. She asked for acid drops. She was quite comfortable, she said. No one told her about the other five nurses who were buried in the wreckage.

Evening came, and the steel scaffold was complete. "We'll have her out in a minute," the rescuers said. Then the sirens sounded. A Nazi plane flew over the wreckage. Miss Thomas died almost as the doctors were waiting to take her downstairs.

Hitler's War Ways Make U.S. Shudder

Factors which have changed American opinion towards the war were discussed with a reporter recently by Mr. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, who returned to London from a two-months visit to the United States.

He said: "The bombing of hospitals, the reckless killing of civilians, and the unscrupulous cynicism of the Nazi war methods make Americans shudder, and there are very few who still believe that if Great Britain were conquered, America would be left in peace."

"There are many emissaries of the British Government (I call them Hitler's emissaries) who are trying to impress uninformed and sentimental Americans."

Need Watching

"They are not having a successful time, and their plans for loosening the blockade are falling on deaf ears, not only in Washington, but in the country generally."

"Still, they need watching," Mr. Masaryk said he had seen the great speeding-up of the war industry in America. There were 1,500,000 Czechoslovaks there, and he was touched by their eagerness to help.

"They stand like one man behind our struggle against Nazism," Mr. Masaryk said.

"Thousands of youngsters are most eager to come over and fight."

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

"The Chinese in Malaya" will be the subject of a talk by Mr. Wm. Vinson Lee at a Y.M.C.A. meeting of the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. Club at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday. Mr. Lee returned from a six months' trip to Malaya recently.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Painful
- 2-Well-known
- 3-Recent piece
- 4-Human post
- 5-Enriched
- 6-And
- 7-Following
- 8-Quintessence
- 9-Atmosphere
- 10-Location
- 11-Dependent on
- 12-Back of foot
- 13-Father
- 14-Unit of area
- 15-Crush
- 16-Group of laws
- 17-Pool
- 18-Brave's den
- 19-Wan
- 20-You and me
- 21-Be contiguous
- 22-At one time
- 23-Birth
- 24-Closet
- 25-Greed
- 26-Ever
- 27-Minute particle
- 28-Inspire fear
- 29-Windmill
- 30-Orbit
- 31-In
- 32-Nickel
- 33-Road ornament
- 34-Act angrily
- 35-Concealed in hand
- 36-Wanted
- 37-Invisible cilia
- 38-Tailfin

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- 1-Kind of tort
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By Walt Disney



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MAGAZINE PAGE

Dearest Mother

Dearest Mother,—
THOUGH I fell no premonition at all, events are removing rapidly, and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake.

You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance.

Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled light-house relief ship.

Though it will be difficult for you, you will, I am sure, be disappointed if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability.

No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country; and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future.

My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It

The letter of a R.A.F. hero

means that your sacrifice is as great as mine.

HISTORY resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilisation has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else.

But this is not only concerning our own land.

To-day we are faced with the greatest organised challenge to Christianity and civilisation that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale.

For this I have to thank you.

Yet there is more work for you to do. The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance

to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old.

However long that time may be, one thing can never be altered—I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot, nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation. . . . I would have it no other way.

I FIRMLY and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because he knows what is good for us.

The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

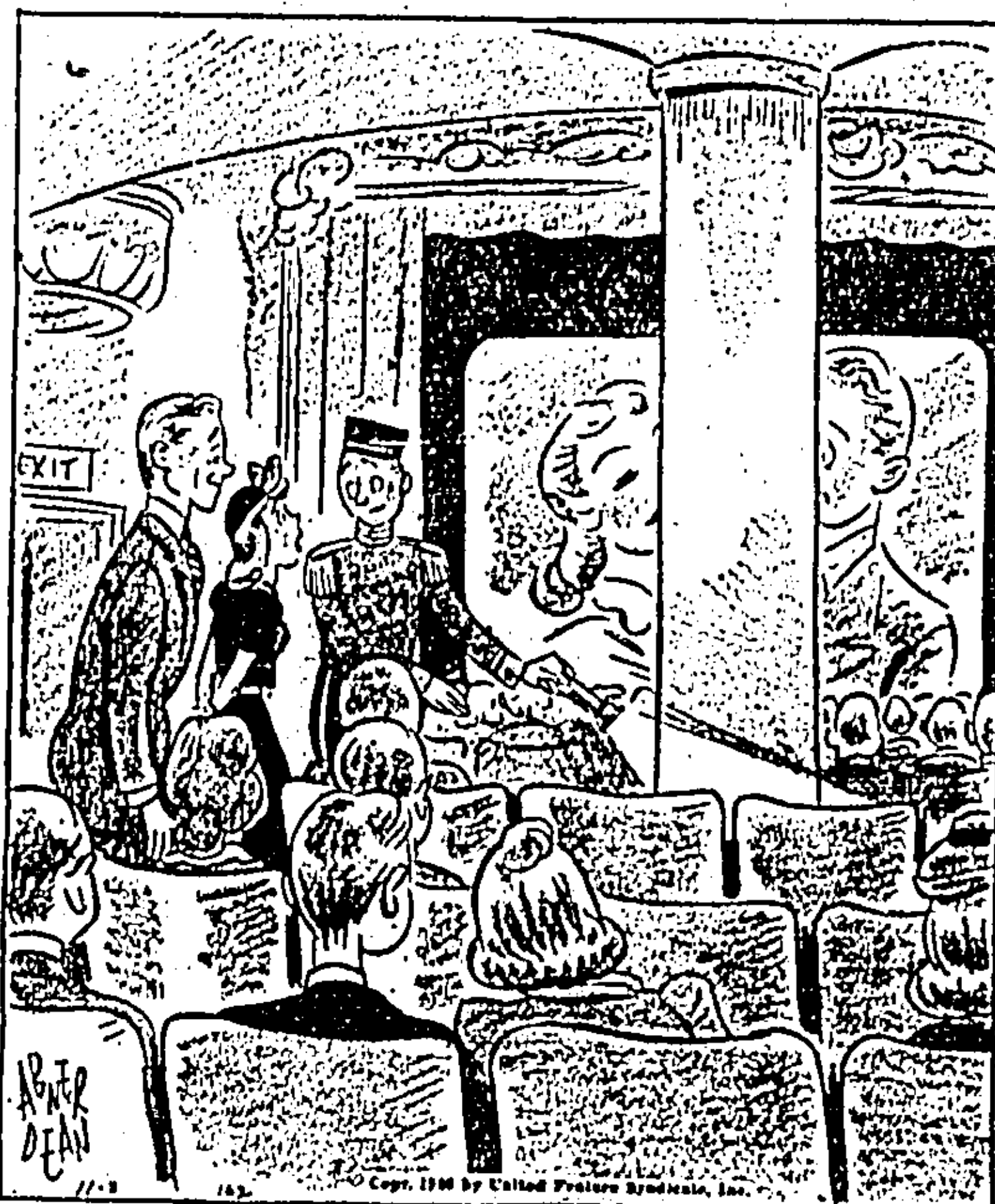
I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed.

Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only—that I could not devote myself to making you declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

Your loving Son —

This letter was found among the belongings of a young pilot after he had been reported "Missing — believed killed."

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"These seats were fine last night, but to-night we came to see the picture!"

DEATH for listening-in to Britain;
TEN YEARS' jail for selling food without accepting ration coupons;
THREE YEARS' jail for talking to a Pole;
SIX MONTHS' jail for stealing a soap ration card.

This is Nazi Justice

ROSA BERGER, an attractive woman of 30, stood in the dock of a Nazi court.

For two weeks she had been under arrest. Now she faced the judges.

Her crime? She stole a ration card for soap. She hadn't one of her own.

"But I haven't used the card," she pleaded.

The plea was ignored. She was led away to serve six months' imprisonment.

Bruno Helzer is also 30. He had no clothes—only rags. And it was very cold.

So he stole a clothes ration card. "I have no clothes except the rags I am standing in," he told the court.

Twelve months' imprisonment. These two cases, reported recently in the German Press, reveal the harsh and brutal way justice is being administered by the Nazis.

Let me go over a number of court reports I have clipped from recent issues of German newspapers.

Here, for instance, is the case of an unnamed woman who appeared in court with her hair hacked off in the crudest style.

The clerk explained to the judge that she had been caught in the company of a Polish prisoner of war. She was at once arrested, and the case was reported to the local Gauleiter.

He himself punished the woman by cutting off her hair before handing her over to the court.

Three years' imprisonment was the additional punishment.

But food rationing offences are occupying most of the time of the courts.

There was Frau Krause, owner of a Berlin restaurant. Even after

the introduction of the severe rationing system she sold meat and butter to her customers without receiving ration coupons.

Frau Krause pleaded that she had made no profit from the sales. She just wanted to please her customers.

The court acknowledged this as a kindly action, and so she was sentenced to only ten years' hard labour, although the court was empowered to pass sentence of death for the offence.

Next I read of the man who threw salt on the icy pavement outside his house because his son had slipped and hurt his ankle. He was accused of waste.

Three weeks in jail. Recently I have counted reports in the German Press of 82 convictions for listening-in to British and French broadcasts.

Only one case was reported fully. Georg Knauer, an inn-keeper from Mannheim, had not only listened to the British broadcasts, but allowed his guests to join him in his crime.

Knauer was sentenced to death. His wife, who had not informed the authorities of her husband's "treachery," was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

In the conquered Polish territories, special Nazi courts deal with hundreds of women daily. Here is a typical case reported from Bromberg.

Sophie Lonkowska, the indictment said, put on the uniform of a Polish officer and took part in the fighting alongside her countrymen. She helped carry off Polish Germans who were to be executed.

Her participation in the "Polish atrocities" was "proved" by reliable witnesses. Without hearing her defence, the court sentenced Sophie to death.

Will Frischauer

HITLER LOOKS SOUTH TO THE CONGO

WHEN that naughty old tyrant King Leopold II took over the Congo Free State as his own personal property, few people, least of all himself even in his most optimistic moments, visualised it as the nest-egg it has since proved.

It was more luck than anything else, almost by a pin-sticking method, that the Royal route got hold of this bit of Africa.

Everybody else seemed to be taking large slices of Africa.

Almost avidly King Leopold read and re-read details of every exploration, studied and re-studied every map. Livingstone, Speke, Burton, and Stanley were magical names. From south to north, east to west, his eye wandered.

Eventually, in 1876, on the pretext of suppressing slavery in those parts, Leopold took charge of this big, central, apple-shaped part of Africa, now the Belgian Congo.

For the best part of his life, up to 1908, he squeezed a large income from this piece of property, the greater part

of 900,000 square miles. The means by which this income was derived have since proved iniquitous (to put it mildly), and mainly because things were getting a little out of hand, and he was growing old and tired anyway, he handed it over to his country in 1908.

The period before 1914, under King Albert, saw vast improvements. Railways, docks, river transport, roads, mines, agriculture were all taken in hand. There are now 3,000 miles of railway, 27,000 miles of road, thousands of miles of navigable river.

Soon the export of rubber—once the Congo's main export—was eclipsed by gold, copper, palm oil, cotton, coffee, diamonds, copal.

By 1934 the value of the gold was 200 times bigger than that of the rubber crop.

Additionally, cocoa, maize, livestock, radium, coal, sugar, fruit, wood, rice, tin are all produced in this part of Central Africa.

Altogether, more than 6,000 industrial establishments were operating up till recently, though Belgium could count only 15 whites for every 10,000 natives.

Before the war the Belgians planned to make it a "grand tourists' paradise—a quick, cheap holiday for Europeans by plane.

Disease statistics have fallen rapidly during the last ten years. On an average, there are only a dozen cases yearly of plague, the tsetse fly incidence has decreased similarly, dysentery deaths are few and far between, and malaria is well under control.

THERE are still plagues, despite all this Western civilisation, and cannibals are common. Some of the Congo cannibals believe that if they eat the bodies of the dead their spirits will thus be prevented from troubling the community.

The plagues are partial to dead elephants. When one was reproached for eating meat from an elephant, one that had long been dead, he said: "I eat the meat, not the smell."

FOR years now the Belgians and Germans have "rowled over the Congo bone," the Belgians reiterating annually that never would they give up their colonies, the Germans emphasising equally emphatically that they didn't want them anyway.

Time will soon show whether or not this was just another German bed-time story.

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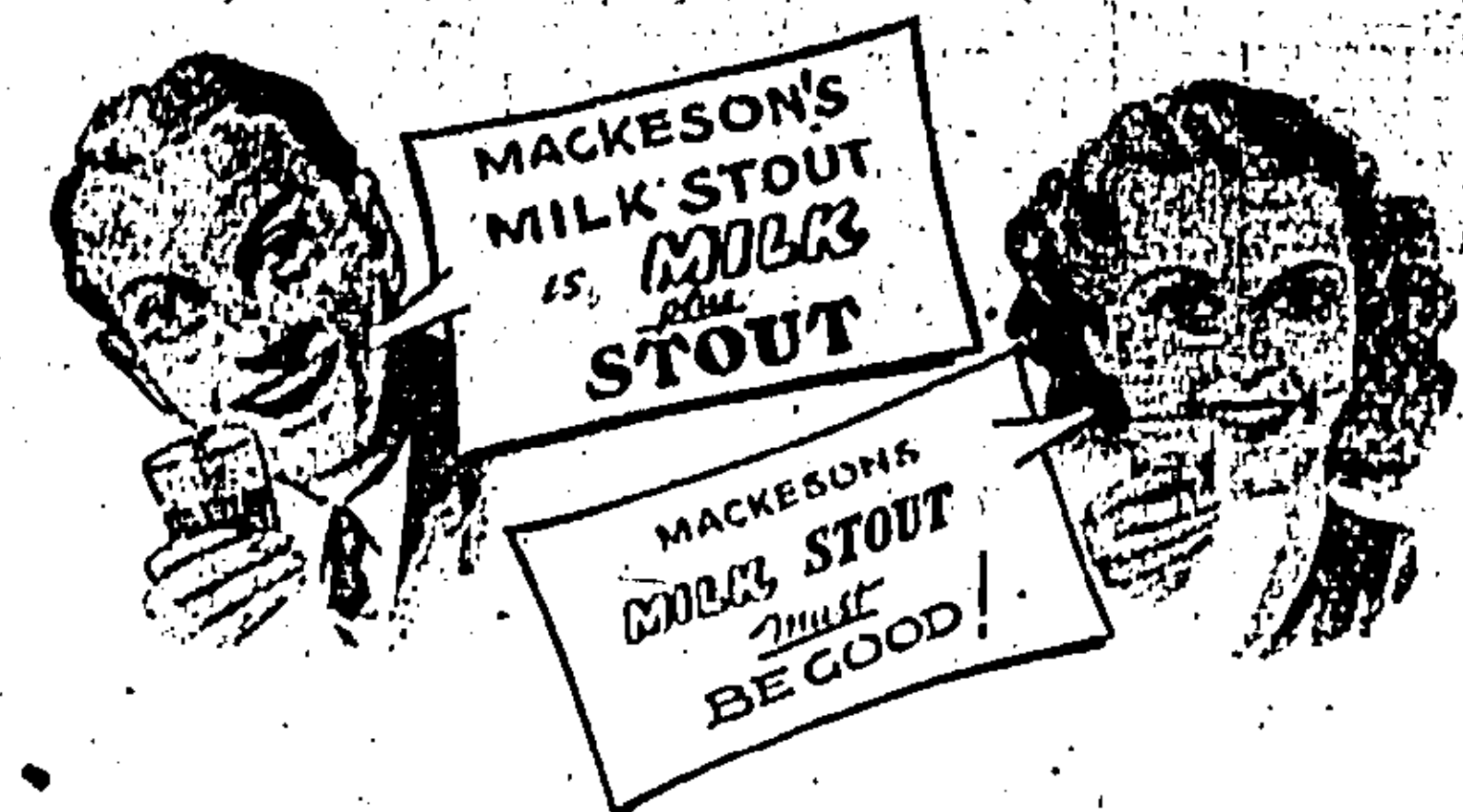
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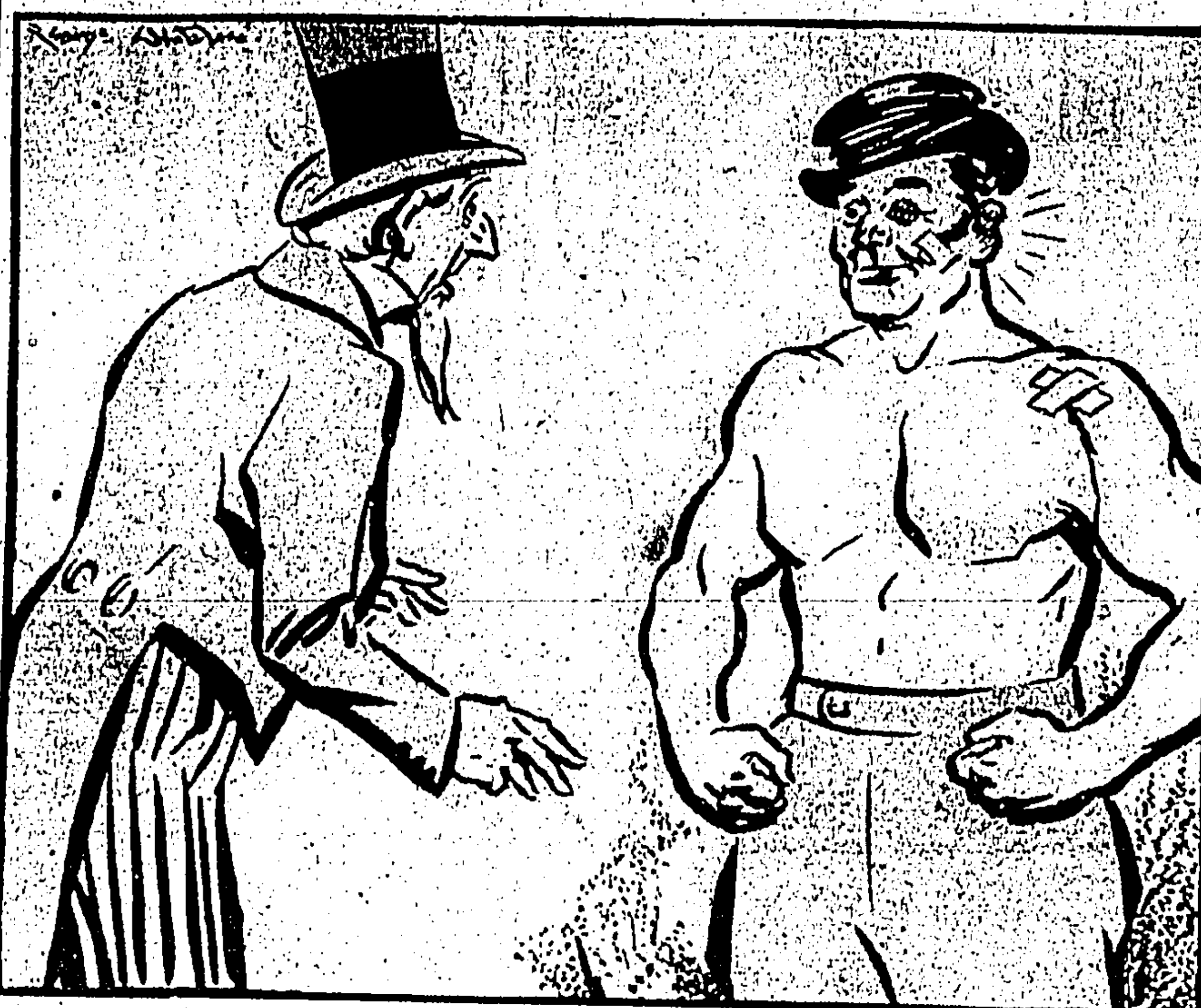
IF we are relying upon organised Christianity in Germany to rally to our banner of spiritual liberation when Hitler begins to fall, we may be sadly disappointed. So says the writer of a letter who can recall the time when Germany led the world in theological study.

Up till the latter part of last century it was customary for British divinity students to take a year in the theological schools of Germany. That has gone. With a few exceptions in Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches there is an almost total bankruptcy in spiritual leadership.

The decay of religious belief in Germany was coincident with the rise of its military power. A British newspaper correspondent, resident in Germany when Bismarck was nearing the peak of his glory, wrote that the vast majority of the Protestant middle classes, and even a large portion of the lower strata of society, were estranged from the religion of their ancestors, and took no interest in the Church or the religious lessons thrust upon the schools by Church and Government combined. Scholars had begun to denigrate Christianity as an Asiatic religion [as the Nazis do to-day], and the public, proud of their vaunted European enlightenment accepted the degrading name.

The rabble of the large cities had become uncommonly coarse, unscrupulous, and blackguardly. Already things had gone so far that men who have had a University education scarcely dared to go to church lest they should be taken for hypocrites or sentimental enthusiasts.

Nazi ostracism of the Christian religion is even more pronounced. Christianity, with its guiding principles of love, tolerance and kindness are reviled and caricatured. Under the guidance of Alfred Rosenberg, sensual, lustful paganism, with its appeal only to the physical, is fast becoming the religious dogma of Nazi Germany. Hitler has never attempted to hide his contempt for Christian teachings, and has encouraged to the full the efforts of his satellites engaged in religious persecution. In Hitler's case his violent opposition to Christianity is based largely on fear—fear that the spread of Christian principles within Germany will bring enlightenment to the German people sufficient to destroy him and his infamous system.



"YES BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE OTHER FELLOW!"

AS BRITAIN STANDS UP TO THE BLITZKRIEG...

BEATEN EUROPE STIRS

By W. N. EWER

FROM all across the Europe that lies under the Swastika reports come by underground and roundabout routes of a new stirring. It is not revolt; but it may be the forerunner of revolt the moment that there is anything like a chance.

Back in July, in early August even, there was little enough hope left in any of these peoples.

They were just waiting for Britain to collapse. And that would be the end of freedom in Europe.

All the Nazi propaganda—and any other news was hard and dangerous to come by—told them it was all over bar shouting.

The Luftwaffe had already mastered the R.A.F. The British Fleet had lost all control of the sea. Britain was cowering under German bombs. Resistance was collapsing.

Nazi Boastings Of A Dictated Peace

All was set for invasion; Hitler would dictate peace in London within a week or two.

Goebbels did a bad job for his master when he spread that story from the Seine to the Vistula.

So hard did he plug the theme that he got it believed.

And then came the reaction. If all that Goebbels said was true, then things would have happened.

The Nazi victory parade should have been marching down Whitehall.

Instead, there came into Poland, into Czechoslovakia, into Northern France, migrants from the Ruhr and the Rhineland, sent away out of reach of the R.A.F.

In spite of rules and regulations and orders, they talked.

But they had no need to. The

fact of their coming told the story. And no propaganda could counter it.

If the R.A.F. was steadily bombing the Ruhr and Rhineland, then Goering had not anything like won the mastery of the air.

The R.A.F. was not a beaten force. Britain was not a beaten country. All that Goebbels had been saying for a couple of months was moonshine.

Then came the Nazis' change of tune. They began to complain of the brutality of the R.A.F.; to protest against British "aggression."

Hopes rose a lot more. If the British were being aggressive, then they certainly were nothing like beaten.

That is why, during the past few weeks, there have come, through this channel and that, news of a cheering kind about the occupied areas.

Acts of sabotage are much on the

increase, especially in Belgium and in Czechoslovakia.

Some have been so serious that the Germans have had to admit them and to threaten new terror if they do not cease.

Most of them have been less dramatic. But they are persistent and they are increasing.

Non-co-operation—refusal to play the Quisling—is turning into passive resistance; a much more difficult thing for a harassed occupying Power to cope with.

Passive resistance cannot turn to active resistance yet.

Invincibility Legend

Has Gone

The grip of the German garrisons and of the Gestapo is too strong for that to be possible.

But quite certainly passive resistance is on the increase everywhere, because there is a revival of hope everywhere.

The legend of German invincibility has gone. Relief is growing that Britain is at any rate a sporting chance of victory.

As in the occupied countries, so among the neutrals.

German prestige is still tremendous. And every Government whose frontiers can be reached by land from the Reich is going to walk very warily and give no cause for offence in Berlin.

But for all that, none of them—neither the Russians, nor the Balkan States, nor the Spaniards, nor the Swedes, nor the Swiss—are anything like so sure to-day that the Germans are winning hands down.

They are not as yet anything like convinced that we are winning. But statesmen who two months ago would have calculated the odds as maybe 20 to 1 on Germany, would probably calculate to-day that it is something like evens.

Europe is Beginning To Doubt

No neutral government in Europe, let me repeat, is going to do anything risky. From Madrid to Moscow, the policy is one of appeasing Hitler.

But it is one of negative appeasement rather than of active co-operation.

Even in the countries most under German influence there is more opposition to it than there was.

Even in Rumania, the moment Hitler's man becomes dictator he meets with vehement popular resistance.

It all shifts and changes as the way of battle shifts and changes. To-day Hitler still bestrides Europe like a Colossus. He still boasts that he is going to impose a "new order" on the whole Continent.

But Europe, occupied and unoccupied, is beginning again to wonder whether the feet are not of clay, whether the new order that must come will be mulched by Hitler or by free peoples.

It looks to me, however, with a new hope and a growing faith.

British Commonwealth Alliance

It is often said and written that the British Empire now fights alone. In a sense, this is true, even though there are still with us the sturdy remnants of the fighting forces of five foreign allies. Only the British Commonwealth of Nations remains intact, unconquered, fighting on all fronts, able to strike the way to victory.

Yet one does not say of a football team that it plays alone. The British Commonwealth is itself an alliance. In its fighting ranks are five fully self-governing nations, each of which chose to fight, and chooses to go on fighting, for its own reasons—its own security, its own ideals, its own freedom.

Among these five are nations in Europe, in America, in Africa and in the South Pacific. What better proof could there be that the Allied cause is a world-wide cause? Canada is in the war for North American reasons, the Union for African reasons, Australia and New Zealand for Pacific reasons, yet all for the same reason; that the good life as free men know it is in danger, and that for the goal of a progressive human brotherhood the Nazis would substitute an iron domination in the interests of their own elect.

Great Brotherhood

Of the not yet fully self-governing peoples of the British Commonwealth we may say the same. If in law they are bound to the war of the whole Commonwealth, in spirit they are free to cheer or reject it. By every act and utterance they have shown that they, too, are eager allies. Hitler faces, not a little island only, nor yet an island with a few poor and distant friends, but a great group of nations and peoples, vast in numbers and power, fighting for a common cause.

It is not enough, however, to be united in spirit. Without more practical forms of union for the conduct of the war, such a wide alliance may have dangerous weaknesses. If there were no unity of command in major fighting operations, how fatal might be the confusion, the lack of common purpose or proper co-ordination of forces and campaigns.

Such military unity, of command requires, in the last resort, joint political institutions at the top to take decisions binding on the military forces. The totalitarian nature of modern war underlines this need. Perhaps the fundamental flaw in the Anglo-French alliance was that it provided no political unity to match and govern the unity of military command. The offer of federal union between Britain and France came too late to remedy this flaw.

Must Work As One

Within the British Commonwealth no such drastic remedy as federal union is needed. But it is an issue for constant vigilance, whether the means of political unity and common decision between governments are adequate to the needs of unity in action to defeat the enemy. This war has not yet thrown up any organ comparable to the Imperial War Cabinet.

There are other possibilities of defect in Commonwealth unity for war which need constant watching. It would obviously be disastrous, for instance, if the several Dominions and the United Kingdom competed with each other for supplies of munitions or raw materials from the United States or other foreign countries. An Anglo-French purchasing commission was deemed a necessity; an all-Commonwealth purchasing commission seems no less desirable.

In all these facets of modern war, it is not enough to have unity of purpose. There must also be unity of decision leading to concerted action.

By ROBERT POWER ----

All for Each

IT was a village custom of old Japan, when a person fell ill, for a man to run from house to house announcing the news, and calling upon all the villagers to make a thousand visits to the Shinto temple.

A tall order, one may think, but apparently it served if a hundred people were good enough to pay ten visits each to the temple and there offer up their invocations on behalf of the afflicted neighbour.

We smile, sceptically, at the idea.

And yet, I feel that we ought not to be too confident that we are right.

We do not perform rites of this kind in the West—not nowadays at least. I suppose we would say that we were too civilised to entertain any belief in them. Nevertheless, as symbols of a great underlying truth they are not to be scorned.

That truth is the reality of human kinship, and if it is more

apparent to primitive people than it is to us, then in the process of our development we have lost on the roundabouts something we have not gained on the swings.

All men are kin, and those who live close to each other are spiritually something more—they are close relations. Their community forms a unit, of which they should be much more conscious than they are.

The health or sickness of every member of that community should be of vital concern to the rest. In a time of illness they should, in a spiritual sense of course, make their thousand journeys to the temple, or if that metaphor be rejected, let us say that spiritually they should gather round the bedside to help in the patient's cure.

In other words, it should matter—and matter tremendously—to the community that its members be happy and whole.

The knowledge that it matters could not but affect the well-being of the afflicted: it must uplift and sustain them in their trial.

'PHONE PLEAS FOR BRITAIN

Remarkable Drive in America

A remarkable drive to mobilise support for the campaign to help Britain, volunteer workers for the William Allen White Committee to defend America by aiding the Allies will ring up every private telephone number in New York City.

Business numbers will be omitted, but in New York's five boroughs there are 735,488 residential telephone numbers, which, it is pointed out, is more than all the business and home telephones in Norway, Finland, Elro, Greece, Portugal, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Lithuania combined.

In each case the caller will speak to the woman of the house—if there is one—and try to enlist her sympathies for the committee's work. A chart will be compiled showing whether the people called are in favour of the committee's objectives, against them, or merely neutral.

Those who are sympathetic will be called upon whenever the need arises to write letters to the President, Senators, Representatives and members of the Administration, urging support for the measures recommended by the committee, which is now trying to arouse public opinion in favour of sending Britain 25 American "flying fortresses."

Calls will be made by a team of 1,410 women. It is estimated that if one person made these calls and took two minutes for each, it would take him nearly 30 years to complete the task, assuming that he worked eight hours a day on every day of the week.

Secret U.S. Planes

NEW types of American aircraft will soon be flying with the R.A.F.

The names of three of them are still a secret, but they include fighters made by the Curtiss Company.

Even after these three machines have been put into service, they will not be mentioned by name in official bulletins until it is believed that the enemy knows about them and their capabilities.

But two American machines that will soon be officially mentioned are the Buffalo and the Boston.

The Buffalo is one of the latest United States single-seater fighters. It is a snub-nosed fighter.

Designed for the United States Navy, it is a snub-nosed vicious-looking machine, easy to handle, but details of its performance have not yet been disclosed.

The Boston is a bomber. It will be the first aircraft with a tricycle undercarriage to go into service with the R.A.F.

Instead of a wheel at the tail it has one at the nose, apart from the two main landing wheels in the nacelles of the motors.

At rest it is permanently in the take-off position, so that it needs only a short run to become airborne. Both the Buffalo and the Boston are believed to be better than anything of similar type belonging to the Nazis.

Cripps' Son Is C.O.

A Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, at Oxford, recently registered John Stafford Cripps, the son of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, to do work of national importance.

He will be required to do agricultural or horticultural work or market gardening for two days a week.

Cripps submitted that war was irreconcilable with the Christian belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

He was at one time prospective Labour candidate for Exeter.

GERMANS TRY TO WIN OVER GUERNSEY ISLANDERS

GERMANS in occupation of Guernsey are trying to win over the islanders to their cause by kid glove methods—but over all is the shadow of the Gestapo, says a "Daily Herald" correspondent.

One of a party of eight men who got away from the island in a 20-foot boat told of life in Nazi Guernsey.

"The invaders are so extra courteous," he said, "that they even step off the pavement to allow women to pass."

"There is a penalty of 15 years' imprisonment for anyone who speaks slightly of German soldiers, and the singing at 'God Save the King' is forbidden."

"Everyday is made to work. Flat rates of pay are 30s. a week for single men and 35s. for married men, with a few extra shillings for each child."

"All the wages are paid by the Guernsey State."

"Rationing is severe. We were getting severe when it left. We were each allowed two ounces of butter and sumpennyworth of meat a week. Bread is poor. It is made of

PANAMA HIGHWAY READY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (UP).—Definite announcement by the Panama Government that the trans-isthmian highway, connecting Panama City, on the Pacific, with Colon, on the Atlantic, would be completed in the immediate future has been received with much public enthusiasm, according to a report of the Commerce Department from Panama.

The office of the American Commercial Attaché at Panama City said it is understood that work on about 25 miles of the highway yet unfinished will be rushed by working three shifts, a development which will further improve the already encouraging employment situation.

Local commercial interests were reported to foresee many advantages to the Republic as the result of completion of this highway, including acceleration of freight movement from the Atlantic side docks to Panama City, expansion by the trucking business, and development of the now isolated areas of the interior.

Cotton Raid Plan Hopes

Mr. Churchill's promise to re-examine the question of air-raid insurance for property has been especially well received in Lancashire.

Some mills in the Royton district recently formed a small pool to which each contributed and from which each could draw if they suffered damage.

But the inland Revenue authorities refused to consider these contributions as part of the expenses of the business, and demanded that they should be included in profits for tax purposes.

This attitude stopped further contributions, with the result that the pool is too small to be effective. The industry now hopes that Mr. Churchill's re-examination will cover this point.

Island "King" Sued In U. S.

A suit for divorce has been filed in New York against Mr. Harold Fortington, former "King of Jethou," the island paradise in the Channel Isles, and since the war Director-General of Progress and Statistics at the War Office.

His wife, Mrs. Edna Winifred Fortington, a daughter of Sir Ernest Jardine, the Nottingham lace machine magnate, is asking for 500 dollars (£100) weekly alimony and 10,000 dollars (£2,000) lawyers' fees.

Contested. She says in her petition that she is living in comparative poverty in New York with her daughter.

The Sunday Dispatch New York correspondent says Mr. Fortington is contested the suit.

Mr. Fortington bought the Isle of Jethou from Mr. Compton Mackenzie, ne novelist.

Young Girl May Send Mother To Her Death

A GIRL of 22 may doom her mother to the electric chair in New York. This is the latest development in the fantastic story of "Murder Incorporated"—The Brooklyn "cash and bury" syndicate which is now believed to have been responsible for 54 murders.

Two leaders of the gang, "Bugsy" Goldstein and "Pittsburgh Phil" Strauss, were sentenced to death recently for the murder of a man known as "Puggy" Freinstein.

The girl is Mrs. Sylvia Weiner who married Benjamin ("Chippy") Weiner when she was 16. Her husband is now in Sing Sing Prison, serving a term for robbery.

Her mother, Mrs. Rose Pantel, a stolid widow of 40, known as "the Red Rose of Williamsburg," is under arrest, charged as an accomplice to the murder of a gangster known as Rubin ("The Mock") Shapiro. Mr. O'Dwyer, New York's District Attorney, believes that she knows the secrets of ten other gang murders.

Visit To Husband. The daughter was detained as a material witness, but after a visit to her husband in Sing Sing she refused to talk. To convince her that to tell what she knows may be the only way to save her mother's life, Mr. O'Dwyer pointed to her and said:

"There's a girl who for love of a man in Sing Sing is going to send her mother to the electric chair."

The murders which the District Attorney hopes to solve as a result of Mrs. Pantel's arrest were committed in a gang war which followed an attempt by a group led by "Knockout" Harry Halperin to "muscle in" on territory run by another group, known as the "Loney Boys." Rubin Shapiro, a local shark, was marked for murder because the Loney gang suspected that he was financing Halperin's mob and supplying them with guns and cars.

ANTI-NAZI RIOTS IN NORWAY

Scenes of great disorder followed demonstrations by students against the Germans in Norway recently, and as a result the authorities have dissolved the Norwegian Students' Association (Switzerland) radio.

Disorders were greatest in Oslo. The association was dissolved, says the radio station, because the students defied the ban on processions and public meetings.

The Germans have confiscated all the money belonging to the association. They have threatened that if there are any further demonstrations they will close Oslo University and other colleges and schools.

Servant Leaves £1,000

Sewing Machine Legacy. Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Champion, of 24, Donaid-road, Willesden, N.W., and formerly of Fifth-avenue, Queen's Park, W.10, described in her will (July 14, 1918) as a "domestic," who died on April 28 last, left £1,168 1s. 1d. (net personally £1,093 10s. 2d.).

She left five War Savings Certificates to "my devoted parent" Henry A. Barton, and her sewing machine "to be used in memory of me" to her friend Minnie Pepper, "house-mother, residing at White Oak School, Swanley, Kent."

The whole of her goods and effects she left to Mary Barton, of Gravesend, "as some little recompense for the shelter she has given my late son and me."

ONE NURSE SAVES 18 BOMBED EXPECTANT MOTHERS

EIGHTEEN expectant London mothers owe their lives to the amazing heroism of 30-year-old Staff Nurse Terwyn Davies. Single-handed, she dragged them from the remains of a bombed pre-natal home in East Anglia.

The bomb wrecked one side of the home one night recently, burying a number of the mothers under piles of bricks and fallen timbers.

"It was only a fluke that I happened to be near the spot," said Nurse Davies. "There was no nursing staff at the home—only a housekeeper. I was outside."

"I saw the bomb fall in the moonlight and flung myself flat on the ground."

"Then all hell seemed to break loose. There was a terrific flash, and bits of brick were flung all around me."

"When I picked myself up I could hear a number of women screaming for help."

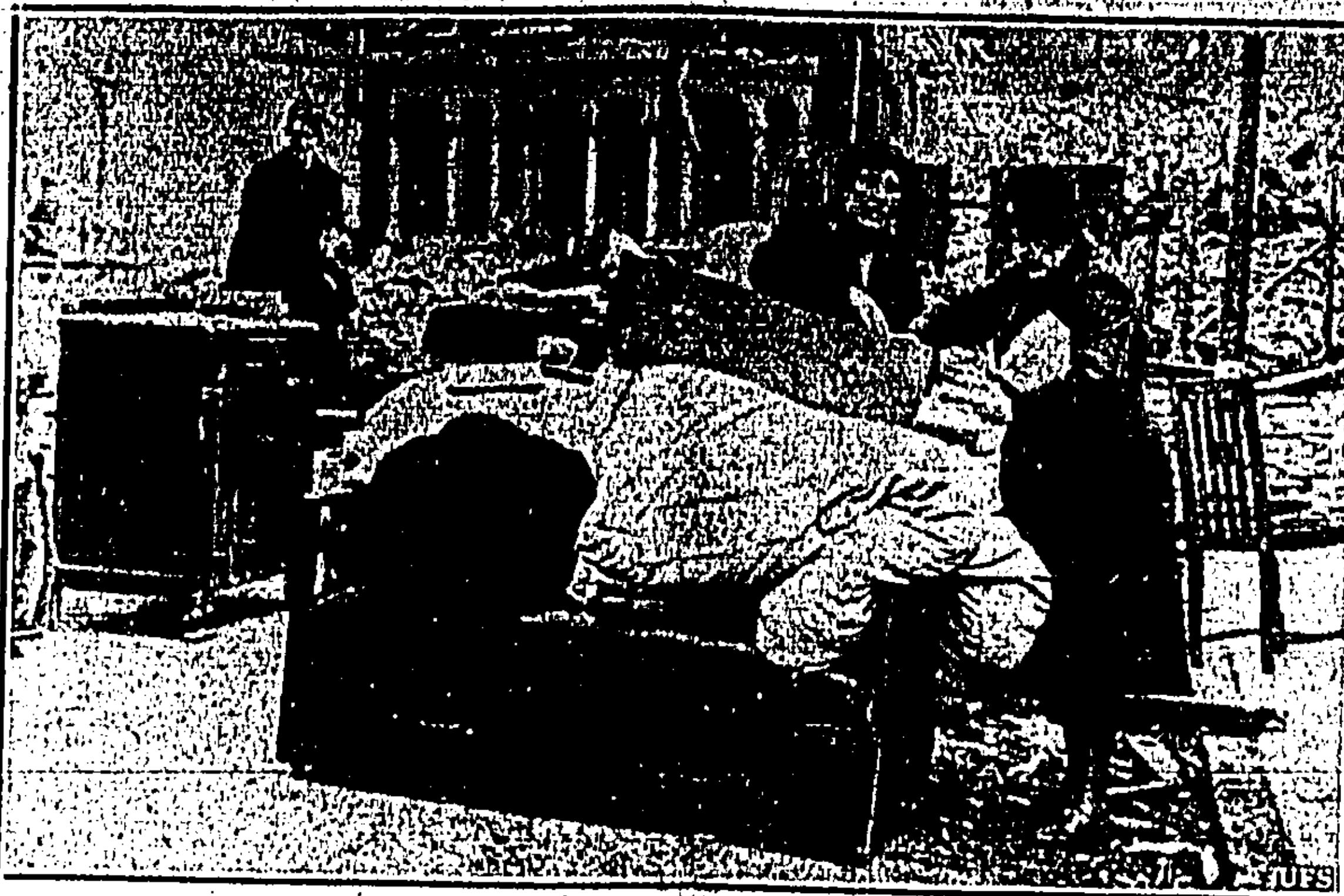
"I clambered over the debris and started to feel around in the dark. It was simply dreadful."

Blast Blackened. "All the women were blackened by the bomb blast and I had the greatest difficulty in finding those who were unconscious."

Six of them staggered out with a little help, but I had to drag 12 out by the axilla."

"To make matters worse, the shock sent most of the mothers into labour."

"I placed them down on the pavement and tried to stop cars and lor-



DISPOSSESSED BY HITLER—Homeless folk are becoming generally seen on London streets as Hitler's airmen continue raids on Britain's capital city. Those above were dispossessed by bombs, but they are attempting to salvage belongings from their homes.

DAMAGES AWARDED TO GIRL

—Police Sued

A 15-year-old domestic servant who successfully claimed damages for false imprisonment from four police officers, had her claim increased from £50 to £80 by Judge Capron at Dudley County Court recently.

He described the methods adopted by the police officers in investigating the disappearance of a handbag as "highly improper and dangerous to the course of justice."

The fact that the girl was an infant gave him power to increase her modest claim.

Fetched From Bed

Vera Turner, of Robert Street, Lower Gornal, sued Inspector Felton, in charge of the Sedgley (Staffordshire) Police Station, P.C.s Williams and Plant and War Reserve Constable Bickerill.

She complained that after a woman had missed a bag containing £22 she was fetched out of bed at her employer's house at midnight, taken to the police station and severely questioned.

P.C.'s "Inexperience"

The judge held that the girl was taken to the station against her will. Normal police investigation would have shown there was no ground for the conclusion that the bag had been lost.

He believed that the sole desire of the officers was to carry out their duty. That they did so improperly was due in the case of the constables, to inexperience and over hasty conclusions, and in the case of the inspector to an undue acceptance and reliance upon conclusions and theories of his subordinates.

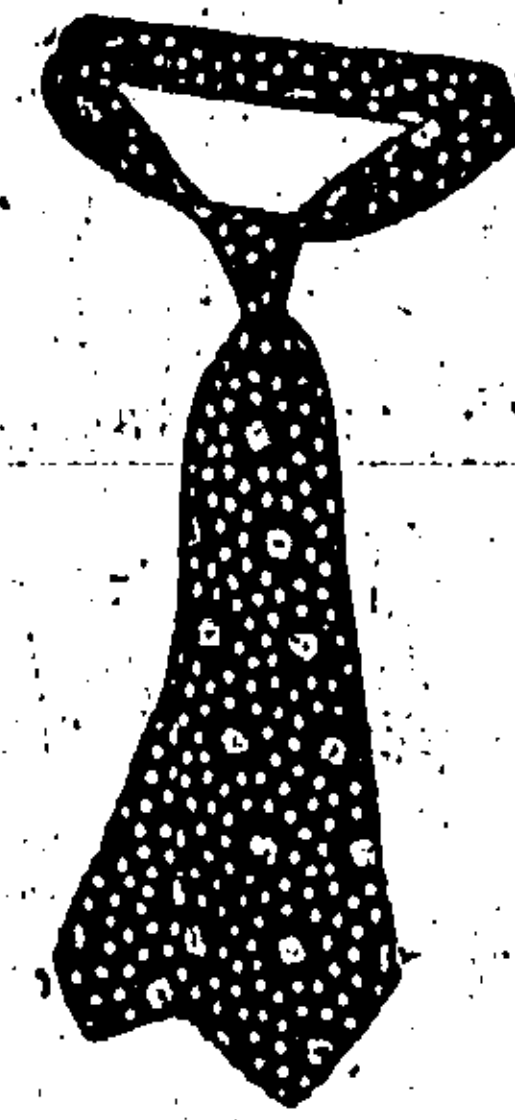
Bird Of Paradise Grows Long Tail

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 24 (UP).—A bird of paradise in New Guinea has outdone the dog that grew a tail so long that the dog was wrenched by the latter. The bird, nine inches in length, has grown a tail three feet long.

It has been named the "McNicol's" ribbon-tailed bird of paradise, after Sir William McNicol, administrator of New Guinea, who has sent a specimen to the Museum here.

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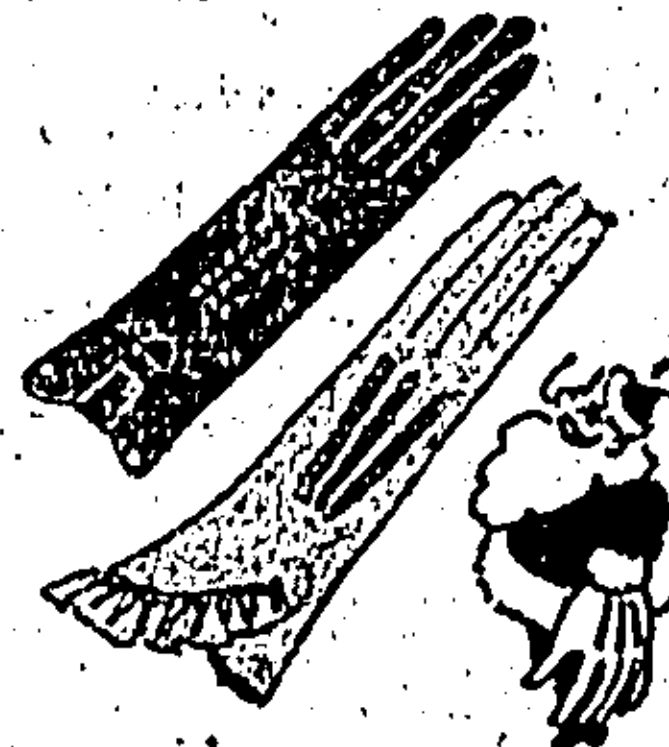
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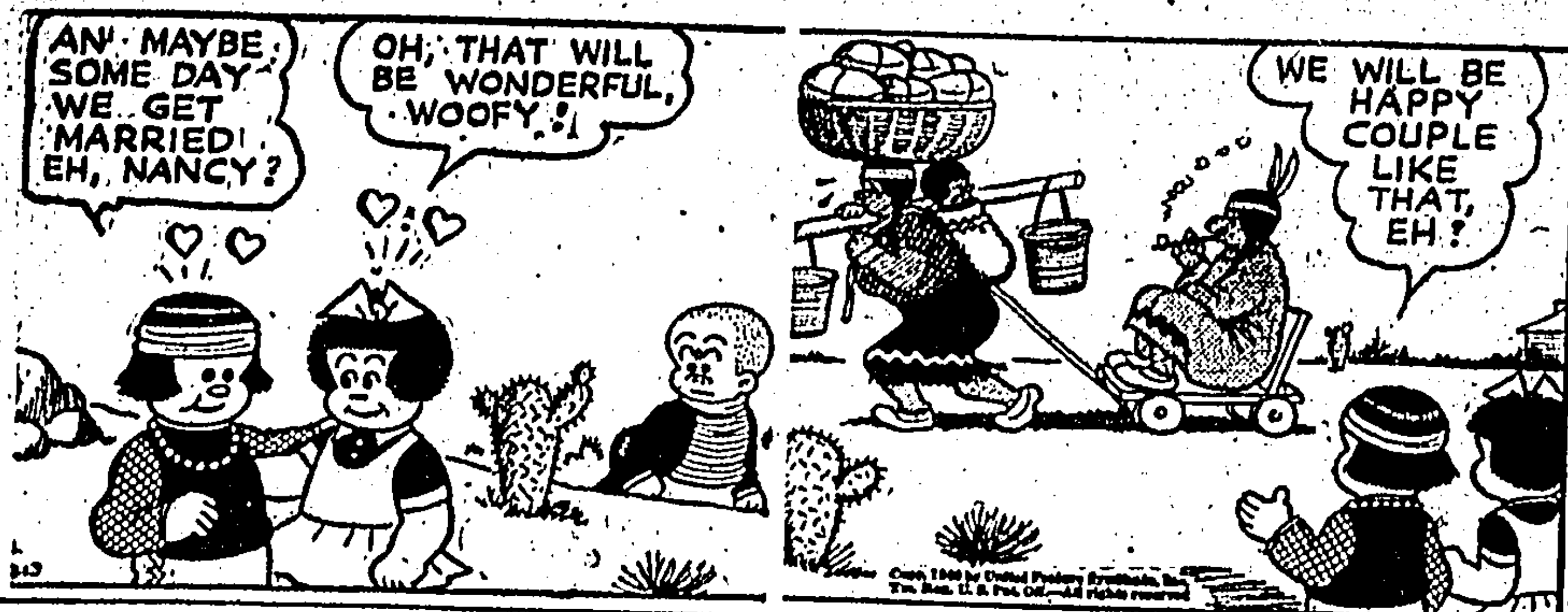
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Laval Coup Discovered?

New York, Dec. 16. Laval is now being detained in the Chateau de Pellevoisin awaiting charges of an attempted coup d'etat designed to overthrow the legal Vichy Government, it was reported to-day by the New York Times from Bern.

The report said that the coup d'etat was expected to take place on December 15 during the ceremonies connected with the translation of the ashes of the Duke of Reichstadt, who was the son of Napoleon Bonaparte, from Vienna to Paris.

Reports of the expected coup d'etat were discovered on December 13 during a night meeting of the Cabinet Council and Laval was immediately alerted, the New York Times—Domet.

Vichy Denies Report

Vichy, Dec. 16. An authorized spokesman today denied both Associated Press and New York Times rumours and declared that Laval's case involved internal relations which had absolutely nothing to do with a rumoured German attempt to move troops across France to help Italy in Libya.

He declared that Germany had never asked for much permission and had never tried to force a passage. No German troops had passed through the unoccupied zone.

There was considerable difference between Laval's desire to increase his personal power within the existing Cabinet by promoting himself through the elimination of the "Vice" in his title and the New York Times suggestion that he intended the overthrow of the Government on Sunday, said the spokesman. There was no real evidence to support such a rumour, although it was known that Laval had attempted to widen his own powers without overthrowing Marshal Petain.—United Press.

FRENCH JUDGE SHOT

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Chinese gunmen to-day assassinated Judge Edouard d'Hooghe, French Consular Judge and legal adviser to the French Municipal Council.

Judge d'Hooghe was lighting from his car at his residence at 6.30 p.m. when two Chinese closed in on him and fired two shots each.

The Judge's chauffeur, who witnessed the shooting, immediately sounded the alarm but the gunmen escaped in the dusk down the maze of alleyways in the vicinity. A cordon was thrown round the area, however, and reinforced police parties continued the search well into the night.

Judge d'Hooghe was admitted to hospital with two bullet wounds in the abdomen, and died at 8 o'clock. Police believe anti-Wang elements were responsible in view of the recent handing over of the Chinese courts in the French Concession to Nanking.

Judge d'Hooghe is the first important foreign target of anti-Nanking gunmen.—United Press.

SHANGHAI WAR GIFT

Shanghai, Dec. 16. With a last minute rush of contributions, the British Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been able again to remit £10,000 to London. This is the fourth successive month that such a sum has been sent in addition to the first remittance of £22,000 in August.—Reuter.

MEXICAN TRAIN SMASH

Mexico City, Dec. 16. About 25 people were killed and at least 46 injured when a repair train was derailed on a sharp curve near Iguala, capital of Guerrero State to-day. After leaving the track the train crashed from a steep incline over a precipice.—Reuter.

Arms Transactions End Up In Court

A deal involving 100 aircraft machine guns valued at \$5109,685 was referred to at Central Magistracy yesterday when Henry Choa, 37, broker, appeared before Mr Lowry charged with having obtained from Wong Bor, of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company, \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences.

Mr W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution and Mr F. L. Zimmermann for Choa.

Mr Mackinlay said Wong had known Choa casually for some years but had not had business dealings with him. Through Choa, he was introduced to Mr Lin, sub-manager of the purchasing department of the Central Trust of China and in June Lin asked him to quote for five per cent. commission on the contract, which amounted to \$5109,685. Wong handed him \$2,000 in notes for the express purpose of being paid to the Central Trust as part of the commission.

On July 15 the contract was signed, subject to confirmation by Chungking, but the following day instructions were received from Chungking that owing to the closure of the Burma Road the contract would be suspended.

Evidence would be called, continued Mr Mackinlay, that Choa was informed of this and asked to convey the information to Wong. On July 19, Choa again asked for commission and \$12,500 was paid.

Contract Rescinded

In October Wong wrote to the Central Trust and was told that the contract had been formally rescinded. Choa was asked to get the money back, but after telling Wong he would do so was not seen for about 10 days. Enquiries were made, disclosing that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Choa, who at first admitted retaining the money, but later denied it, saying the money had been paid over.

A letter was later received by

Wong from Choa to the effect that the money was paid as commission to him for the contract. That was the first intimation they had that the complete denial was made in a reply written by Deacons to Choa, and a demand for the return of the money made.

Evidence was then taken. Cross-examination will be continued on Thursday.

AIR COMPANY MERGER

Following the merger of Imperial Airways and British Airways in April by the British Overseas Airways Corporation, an announcement was made that Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd would be absorbed in a later date. This has now taken place and the name Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd will be replaced by British Overseas Airways Corporation.

There will be no alteration in the staff or premises of the Corporation in Hongkong, said Lt-Comdr A. D. S. Murray, Regional Director for the Far East.

The Airways Corporation was formally established in November, 1939, and the undertakings of both companies were acquired after many months of preparation. Since the Government gave its approval for an Airways Corporation, Imperial Airways and British Airways have co-operated to strengthen the prestige of British Civil aviation and, but for the war, the formal merger of the companies would have been accomplished long ago.

STUDENTS' MESSAGE

Chinese Sympathy For English Schools

The Canton University English Club, of Kowloon, has sent a message to the President of the Board of Education through the Chinese Embassy in London to express their deep regret for the damage done to Eton College and schools in Birmingham by Nazi raiders. The message reads:

"We learned with profound shock the large-scale destruction of educational institutions in England by the Nazi air force. We, the students of China, are now fighting side by side with your students, because we both fight for a common ideal—justice and righteousness. In order to have a better understanding among students of the three great democratic countries, we propose the immediate formation of a Sino-British-American Students' Association for the promotion of goodwill with headquarters in Hongkong and branches in London, New York, and Chungking.

"We sincerely request you to convey our proposition to the British University Students' Association for consideration. In the name of the Chinese students, we beg to express our deep sympathy and pledge our moral support."

SHIPS HIT AT NAPLES

Cairo, Dec. 16. The R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East issued a communique to-day stating that R.A.F. bombers scored five direct hits on a concentration of cruisers and destroyers at Naples on Saturday night.—United Press.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

An exposition of Chinese Calligraphy will be held under the joint auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture and the Sino-British Cultural Association, in the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday, December 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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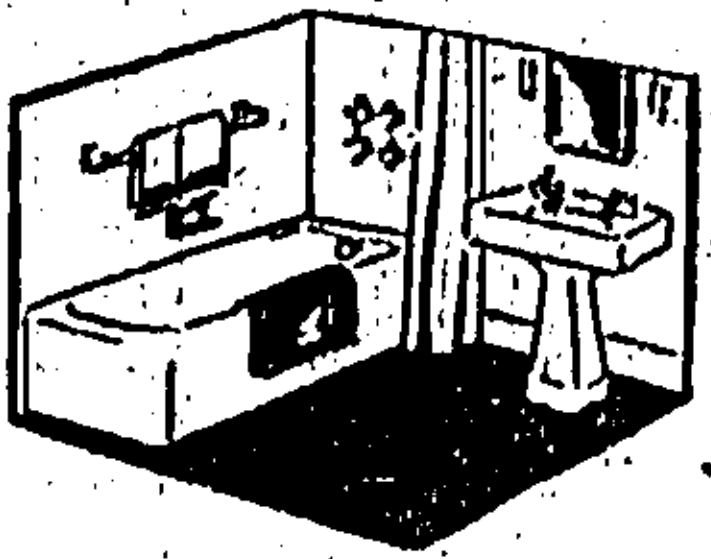
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Government Contractor Attacked

Attacked by three men on the
stairway leading to his flat on the
third floor of 27, Kimberley Road,
Kowloon, in the early hours of yes-
terday morning, Mr. K. K. Lee, food
contractor to the Government Refugee
Camps in Kowloon, is confined to
his bed with a deep stab wound in
his back and is under medical care.

Mr. Lee said he returned from
Hongkong at 1 a.m. on Sunday and
was met at the ferry by his chauffeur,
who drove him home and escorted
him upstairs. The chauffeur led the
way flashing a torch.

Between the first and second floors
they met three well-dressed Chinese,
wearing European clothes, coming
down. One man had passed him
when the second flashed a torch on
Mr. Lee, who contractor asked—
"Who are you looking for?"

Two men then made as if to attack
Mr. Lee and seized him by his coat.
He grappled with them and they
both fell. The third man then
whipped out a knife and stabbed
him in the back.

Everything happened so quickly
that the chauffeur could be of little
assistance. The men then rushed
down the stairs and escaped before
help could be called.

Mr. Lee was unable to give a motive
for the deed except to state that he
had money on him. He did not re-
cognise the men, but from a fleeting
glance of the man who stabbed him
he remembers that he had a thin
face, was rather tall and wore a dark
grey or green suit. All three men
had felt hairs pulled well down over
their faces.

Mrs. T. E. Wood Passes On

The death occurred at Queen Mary
Hospital yesterday afternoon after a long
illness of Mrs. Rose Amelia Wood,
wife of Mechanist Sgt-Major T. E.
Wood, of the Royal Army Service
Corps.

Aged 40, Mrs. Wood came to Hong-
kong about three years ago. She
leaves two daughters, Rosemary, aged
10, and Sylvia, aged five, who were
evacuated to Manila in July but re-
turned because of their mother's ill
health.

The funeral will take place to-day,
passing the Monument at 4.30 p.m.

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Police Reserve Orders For Current Week

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr.
C. O. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of
Police, state:

Strength—Constable J. Lee Tak-yun
has been taken on the strength of the
Chinese Company, as from December 7,
1940.

Training Course—Part II—Those detail-
ed will attend Prince's Building, 1st
Floor, for part III of Training Course
under Police Sergeant Tso Thong Pong-
ling, commencing on Thursday, December
19, at 17.15 hours sharp commencing from
Monday, December 18.

Training Course—Part III—Those detail-
ed will attend Prince's Building, 1st
Floor, for part III of Training Course
under Police Sergeant Tso Thong Pong-
ling, commencing on Thursday, December
19, at 17.15 hours sharp commencing from
Monday, December 18.

INDIAN COMPANY
Inspection Parade—All ranks of the
Company will parade at Central Police
Station on Tuesday and Friday,
December 17 and 20, at 17.15 hours sharp
for a general inspection of equipment,
etc., by the Company Commander, Dress
Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover,
Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and
Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-
Book to be carried. The Equipment
Officer will make it a point of being
present.

Training Course—Part II—The under-
mentioned members qualified in Part II
of Training Course on Tuesday and
Friday, December 17 and 20, at 17.15
hours sharp for a general inspection of
equipment, etc., by the Company Com-
mander, Dress Blue Uniform, Cap with
White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and
Chain, and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman"
and Note-Book to be carried. The
Equipment Officer will make it a point of
being present.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be
carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad
Inspection Parade—All ranks of the
Flying Squad will parade at Central Police
Station on Friday, December 20, at 17.15
hours sharp for a general inspection of
equipment, etc., by the Company Com-
mander, Dress Blue Uniform, Cap with
White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and
Chain, and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman"
and Note-Book to be carried. The
Equipment Officer will make it a point of
being present.

Emergency Unit Reserve
Inspection Parade—All ranks of the "A"
Company will parade at Central Police

Station on Monday, December 23, at 17.00
hours sharp for general inspection of
equipment, etc., by the Company Com-
mander, Dress Blue Uniform, Cap with
White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and
Chain, and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman"
and Note-Book to be carried. The
Equipment Officer will make it a point of
being present.

A group photograph will be taken at
17.00 hours when members of the "B"
Company should be present.

Training Course—Part II—A lecture will
be given at No. 2 Police Station on
Wednesday, December 18, at 17.15 hours
sharp by Inspector (R) J. A. Bendall.

An examination in Part II of Training
Course will be held by the Principal,
Police Training School at No. 2 Police
Station on Thursday and Friday, Decem-
ber 21 and 22, at 17.50 hours sharp. Mem-
bers will be detailed on December 18 re-
garding their time to appear for the
examination.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be
carried out as ordered.

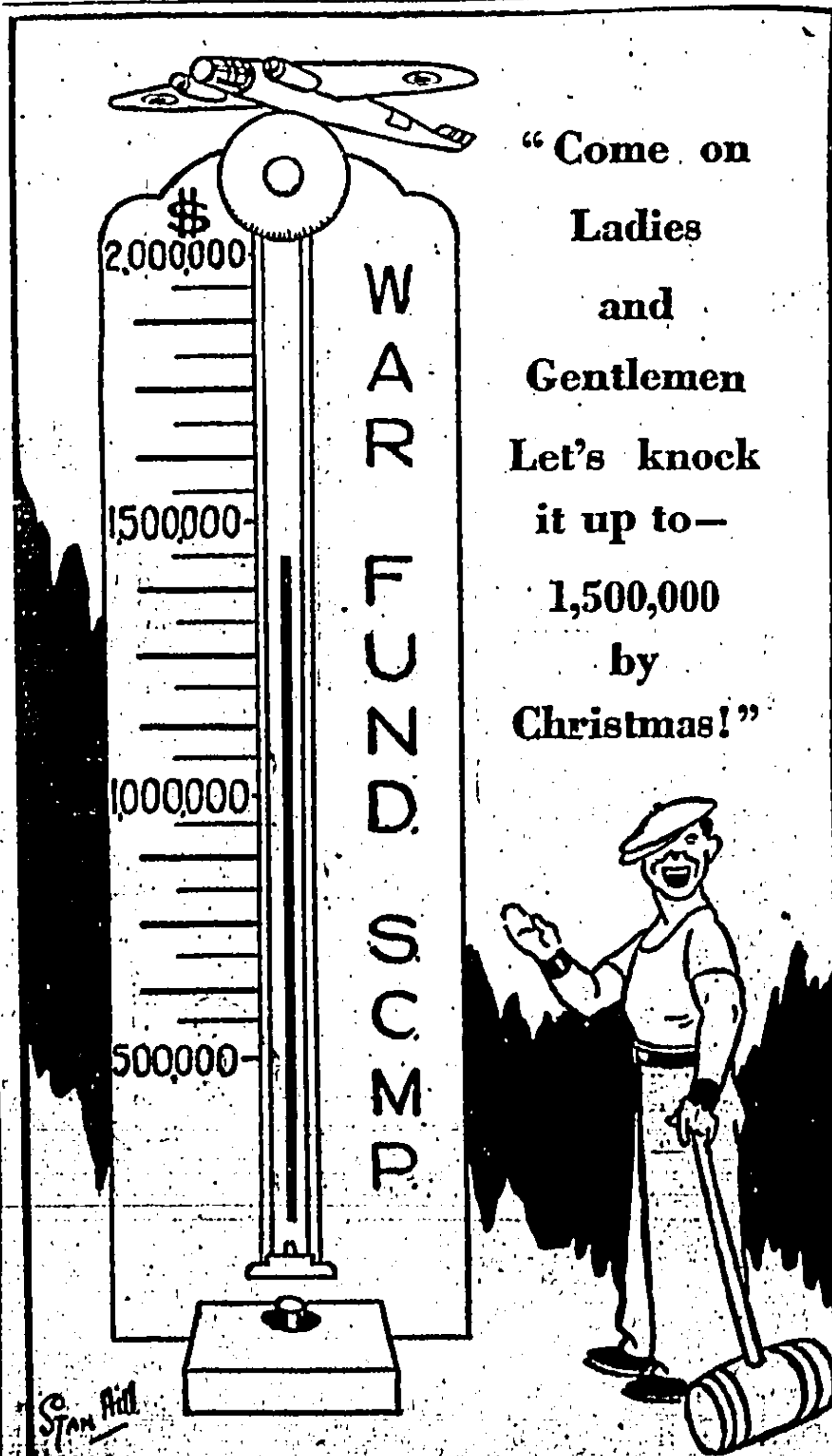
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VERDICT ON APPEASEMENT

London, Dec. 16.
In a recent Gallup survey the
following question was asked—
"If someone in your presence
suggested that it would have
been a good idea to have nego-
tiated peace with Germany would
you (1) agree with him, (2) say
nothing, (3) contradict him, or
(4) report him to the authori-
ties?"

The answers showed that 7 per
cent. would agree, 21 per cent.
would say nothing, 59 per cent.
would contradict the speaker, and
12 per cent. would report him to the authorities.
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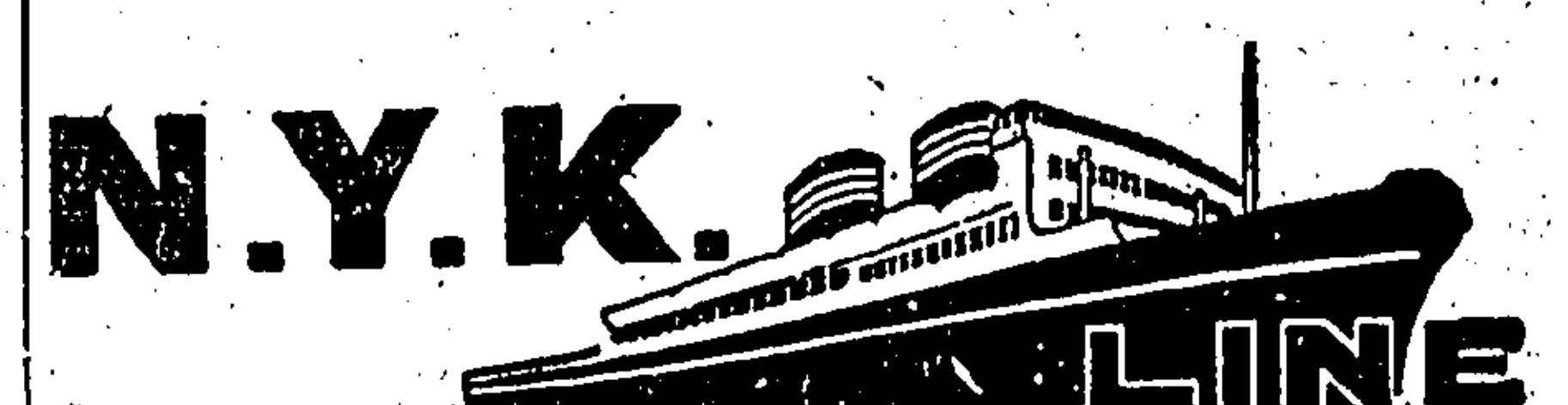


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I.L.O. Still Very Much Alive

THE I. L. O. Year Book for 1939-40 has just arrived from Geneva, and serves to remind us that despite war difficulties, the Office is still at work.

Its work is no longer being carried on in Switzerland, though the headquarters remain there.

The staff has been greatly reduced and is dispersed about the world.

Some officials are in Britain, while Mr. J. G. Winant, the Director, and others are in Montreal, where a new Organising Centre has been set up temporarily.

Peace Task

The dispersal has involved great difficulties and some hardship, but the International Labour Organisation remains alive and in active service.

It is able to continue the extensive work of supplying facts and guidance from its vast resources of information to its affiliated countries—a service that is seldom advertised but much appreciated.

Before long, and sooner than some people expect, the I.L.O. will be required to play a much bigger part—helping to frame the basis of the peace.

Many Contacts

The resources of the Office and the services of its expert staff will be valuable, while the form of the Organisation itself—consisting of governmental workers, and employers—provide unique machinery for devising the foundations for real peace.

Every country now at war with Germany and Italy is a member of the I.L.O. Their membership continues, despite invasion.

Moreover, the I.L.O. is in contact with all the exiled Governments and trade unions and employers' organisations.

More Money For Bombers

A total of \$1,003,318.25 was received yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following:

Police Recreation Fund (Shanghai) Box (further donation) \$ 113
"Militia" (further donation) \$ 23
Christopher, Merle & Jennifer Lee (further donation) \$ 10
"Four Quilting" (further donation) \$ 10
Sir Athol & Lady MacGregor (2nd donation) \$ 100
Mr. L. Reynolds (further donation) \$ 100
Chicago Club (further sale of old time) \$ 8
No. 1 W. G. Co. H.K.V.D.C. Dinner (2nd instalment) \$ 271
Mrs. C. E. B. Robinson (5th donation) \$ 20
Fergante, Mess. Lymin (5th donation) \$ 20
Central Police Station Canton (further donation) \$ 37
"Hau Tai" (further donation) \$ 37
No. 1 Det. 1st Battery H.K.V.D.C. No. 3 Det. 1st Battery H.K.V.D.C. \$ 22

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The following are subscriptions received to date for credit of the British Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:

Previously acknowledged: \$100 and \$107.02. A. H. G. (monthly), \$20; D. G. Day (monthly), \$15; Hazon Trading Co. (monthly), \$10; A. M. Kennedy (monthly), \$20; sale of one bandage roller per Madame Renaud, \$5; sale of one C.I.S.S. Badge per Mrs. H. P. Phillips, \$1; sale of knitting wool per Mrs. T. E. Pearce, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall (monthly), \$5; D. E. Clark (monthly), \$20; Joseph, French (monthly), \$20; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly), \$10. Total \$416,170.07.

IMMIGRATION DEPOT

An immigration depot will shortly be established at the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's offices in Connaught Road, West. Mr. J. H. B. Lee, who was recently appointed Deputy Immigration Officer, will be in charge. The godowns are at present being used by the Immigration authorities for the examination of passports, visas, entry permits, etc., of incoming passengers.



SEEK SANCTUARY—Accepting the situation like a picnic, these crippled children of Horwago Craft Schools, Chailley, Sussex, England, have dinner in an air raid shelter.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS GERMAN TROOPSHIP

THERE was a morning when hard-boiled eggs cast a gloom through the 640-ton British submarine Sturgeon—but that is another story. The torpedoing of a 10,000-ton Nazi transport provided the day's main news item.

Within a few minutes the German ship was ablaze and soon afterwards she sank.

The exploit was revealed in an Admiralty communique. It happened off North Denmark on the evening of September 2.

Early in the month Stockholm reports had told of the sinking of a German transport by a British submarine. Most of the 4,000 troops on board were drowned, it was said.

An officer of the Sturgeon said: "We went up the Skagerrak. It was blowing hard, and we saw nothing until an aeroplane came into sight, just as it was getting dusk."

In Silhouette
"About half an hour later, the hydrophone operator reported the faint sound of a ship. The Sturgeon was brought up and two small German destroyers and a very large transport were sighted.
"Conditions were not very good. We were some distance from our quarry, but she was silhouetted against the light of the setting sun."
"As soon as we had fired the torpedoes we submerged, but soon the commanding officer came up for a look. A moment or two later we heard a great explosion—and, the commanding officer, looking through the periscope, saw a gigantic column of smoke coming up from the transport."

"After about ten minutes the transport burst into flames and became a blazing mass from stern to stern. It was a terrific sight."
Bad Moment
"We went down to relay our torpedoes, and when we came up to the surface again there was nothing left but the two destroyers, with their searchlights on, picking up the survivors."
"We had one bad moment for as we came to the surface it was not realised that the searchlights were on and we came right into their beams. The destroyers were about three miles away and did not see us."

The officer added: "We were not feeling too well that morning. We had some extraordinarily hard-boiled eggs for breakfast."
"An A.B. does what cooking can be done, and when I asked how long he had boiled the eggs he said, 'Two and a half hours, sir.'"
"There were a hundred eggs to cook for three minutes. So he multiplied 100 by three, made a few other calculations, and boiled our eggs for 3½ hours."

Commanding the Sturgeon is 31-year-old Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, who was awarded the D.S.O. last December for successful action against enemy submarines.

He is the elder son of Lieut.-Col. G. M. A. Gregory, R.A., of Tayfletts House, Perth.

The Sturgeon belongs to the Swordfish class and was first commissioned in December, 1932.

Jack Payne Wed In Secret

Jack Payne, the band leader, and Peggy Cochrane, musician, singer, and writer of dance tunes, recently revealed that they were married on July 24.

Early this year they were both in France, entertaining the B.E.F. There they were in a car crash. The car turned over several times, then hit a telegraph pole. No one in the car was seriously hurt.

It is said that Miss Cochrane plays the piano and violin. You know her well on the air.
She is an expert on Brahms, and won a classical reputation before turning to swing—which she did after a chance remark at a party where she had played a dance tune.

Jack Payne's former marriage was dissolved last November.

BRITAIN'S OFFER TO RUSSIA

—Reuly Awaited

It is understood that no answer has yet been received from the Russian Government to the British proposal made to Mr. Maisky, the Russian Ambassador, says a London correspondent.

Mr. Maisky was entertained to lunch by Lord Halifax, after which a conference took place at the Foreign Office about the new status of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia resulting from their incorporation in the U.S.S.R.

Lord Halifax's proposal is understood to have been that the Russian Government should precisely assess the amount of its claims against the British Government for gold (amounting to about £4,000,000) and ships (some twenty-five to thirty) formerly belonging to the Baltic States now held by Britain, and that the British claim for investments, loans, and other property in the Baltic States be placed against them.

It is understood to be the British revised estimate that such British loans amount to some £5,500,000. Mr. Maisky has transmitted the proposal to Moscow and is waiting for the answer.

Too High?

There is some ground for the expectation that the Russian Government will be disappointed that the British claims are put so high, the more so as the initial tentative and, as it proved, incorrect, British estimate was substantially smaller.
But until the Moscow answer is received there is no ground for conjecture about the possibility of concluding the negotiations.
Tuesday's negotiations were, at any rate, conducted in a friendly spirit on both sides.

Danubian Conference

As for the Danubian situation, the fact that Moscow has informed the German Ambassador, Count von der Schulenburg, that Russia must "participate in deciding questions concerning the Danube" should not be taken as indicating any serious strain in Russo-German relations. So far the common Russian and German determination not to be drawn into war with each other holds firm.

It is true that Germany's convening of a Danubian Commission in Vienna without consulting Russia has irritated Moscow—as German high-handedness normally irritates other interested parties—but experience prompts the expectation that Berlin will meet the situation by satisfying Russian demands.

Such satisfaction is bound to be humiliating to Berlin and is bound to prevent the full harvest of Baltic loot being gathered by Germany; but Germany will have no option but to accept defeat because she cannot afford to accept the issue with Russia.

The defeat is expected to have important diplomatic consequences because Spain, at any rate, and Vichy France retain the full Catholic opposition to atheist Communism. Even Italy, despite Signor Mussolini's defiance of Catholic feeling in that country, still remains in some measure a country where Catholic principles exert an influence, and where, therefore, the German pledge of a year ago to consult with the Third International on all questions is still an irksome thorn in Italy's side.

Hitler's Double Game

It is not only that Herr Hitler is attempting to combine the suppression of the Catholic Church with the cultivation of Catholic peoples—Spanish, French, and Italian—but he is playing his normal double game with Russia also. Mr. Stalin understands all about the game of sabotage. He is not likely to miss the significance of the clumsy German technique in forming the Ukrainian Legion in German Poland.

What is more likely is that German intrigue, made careless by the ease of its successes in the pan-stricken Continent of Europe, will underestimate the strength of Russia's determination not to tolerate a subterranean German infiltration in the Ukraine. Germany herself may in the end make impossible the common Russo-German tactics of steering clear of war with each other.

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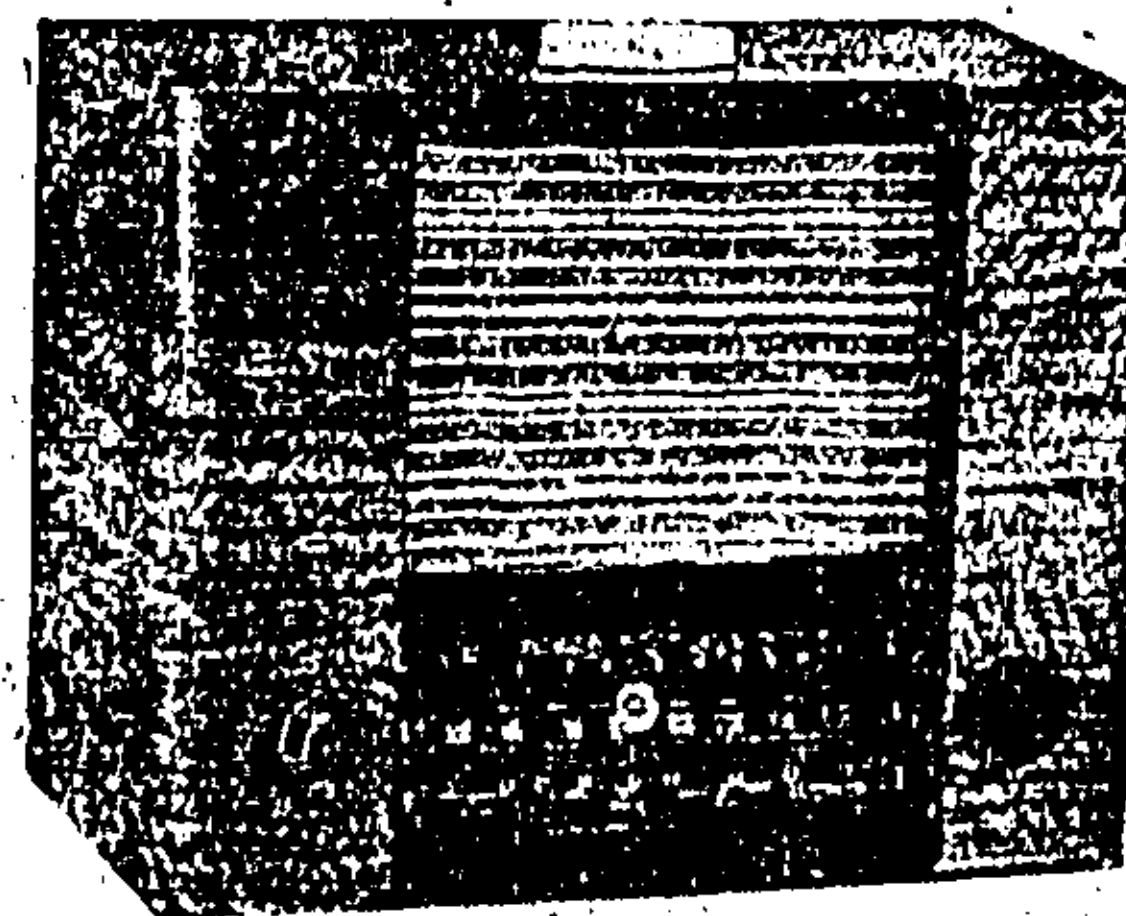
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END OF EXTRALITY

After China War Says Mr Wang Chung-hui

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (UP).—Mr Wang Chung-hui, China's Foreign Minister, in a speech here to-day, said that victory against Japanese aggression would mark the end of extraterritoriality.

He said that Anglo-Saxon and Soviet support for the Chinese resistance is steadily increasing, and therefore China should do her utmost to bring the struggle to a successful and early conclusion.

He cited the statements of Roosevelt, Sumner Welles and Churchill expressing their willingness to abolish extra-territoriality at the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese war.

ITALIANS HARD PRESSED

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others abandoned and damaged. Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

Near Nibeiwa, the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian soldiers, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking. Captain Hurley described the Italians as well-fed, clothed and shod, contrasting with the Libyans.

THE ENGLISH WAY

Evacuee children dropped flowers on the coffin when a twenty-two-year-old German airman was buried with full military honours by the R.A.F. in North Lincolnshire recently. A wreath from R.A.F. officers lay on the head of the coffin.

Monks Back In England

Carmelite monks have returned to Kent after 400 years absence. Members of the fraternity have established themselves in houses at Faversham and Sittingbourne.

Returned from Mount Carmel, dressed in grotesque capes of striped brown and white, first came to Kent with Sir Richard Gray when he returned from leading the Crusaders in Palestine 500 years ago.

He built them a house at Aylesford, where, a few years later, they established a full Order and built several priories.

They were driven out at the Dissolution and scattered over the Continent. Hitler's hordes have driven them back.

U.K. WILL BID FOR U.S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The United States Maritime Commission has announced that 24 light-up merchant ships will be offered for sale on January 7.

It is expected that a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some which are just under 9,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington which was formerly a German vessel.

The terms of the sale provide for the transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided that this is done within six months.

Belgium Feels Pinch Of Food Shortage

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—German soldiers in Brussels salute Belgian reserve officers returning from prison camps but do not salute Italian air force officers, according to the Free Belgian news agency.

The agency also reports that food shops in Belgium have closed owing to a shortage of supplies and it is believed that the local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released, their return is taking a long time.

Hongkong To See Timely News Film

Showings To-day

A news film which comes at a particularly opportune time is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day; it reveals what comparatively little damage has been caused to London by the constant Nazi air raids.

The Nazis do all they can to suggest that London is in ruins, and the fact that news cameramen have concentrated chiefly on pictorialising the damage which has been caused, has served to provide a slight loss of perspective. Undoubtedly London has suffered, but this authentic news film serves to remind that in relation to the whole, the damage to the Empire's capital is insignificant.

In addition the film contains other interesting shots, and concludes with a moving record of the King's speech from Buckingham Palace during an air raid. The speech was heard in Hongkong, but its effect and impressiveness is heightened on the screen by the use of background material. While the King speaks the camera records the courage and suffering of the common folk whom he praised. The whole thing leaves a very moving impression.

Frozen Danube Hinders Nazis

River Traffic Stopped

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, probably until March, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The River Navigation Control Organisation has ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugo-Slav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Industrial sections on the Stock Exchange were cheerful, otherwise conditions were lacking.

Gilt-edged Indian loans, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek bonds registered higher gains.

Oils continued in favour though a little profit taking occasionally reduced earlier advances.

Kaffirs, after early local support, finished a little irregular.

Home Industrials were generally quiet.

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Postponed Soccer Match To-day

PLAYING their Third Division League soccer match postponed from Saturday, the Royal Air Force meet the 3rd H.A. at Cnam Road this afternoon.

European "Y" To Meet Pay Corps At Billiards

European Y.M.C.A. will hold a Billiards Social this evening at 7.30 p.m. The programme will consist of a match of six-a-side of 100 points up against the Royal Army Corps. This will be followed by a novelty competition amongst members.

The Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Pay Corps will be selected from the following: C. T. Terran, R. Goldman, L. Sykes, C. T. Champelovier, C. Eager, T. G. Stokes, C. H. de Cozler and H. Kemp.

No Boxing Day Games

London, Dec. 16. Complying with the Government's request not to take war workers from their jobs for more than a day during the holidays, the Football Association has cancelled its Boxing Day programme.—Reuter.

University Gymnastics

The first annual gymnastic and drill display by members of the Hongkong University Union will be given at the Yu Tong-sen Gymnasium on Saturday at 9 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN WAR LOAN

Sydney, Dec. 16. The £25,000,000 war loan launched at the end of November is certain to be fully subscribed, the Commonwealth Treasurer, Mr. A. S. Fadden, announced to-day.—Reuter.

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America's Defence Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Congress authorised \$13,106,227,930.58 in commitments and direct appropriations for national defence during the current session, which set a peacetime spending record, according to an official tabulation of the House Appropriations Committee.

Chairman Edward T. Taylor said total commitments for all purposes amounted to \$23,185,740,035.15. Of this amount, \$16,920,627,477.15 was direct cash, \$4,066,191,860 in contract authorisations, and \$2,148,921,208 payable from trust fund receipts and not from general funds.

The defence appropriations were listed as follows:
Army: Cash, \$5,813,008,748.24; Contract Authority, \$2,970,130,397; total \$8,783,139,145.24.

Navy: Cash, \$2,711,002,525.34; Contract Authority, \$925,445,612; total \$3,636,448,137.34.
Civil agencies (for defence): Cash, \$580,644,048; Contract Authority, \$187,300,000; total \$767,944,048.

In addition, Congress indirectly committed the government to another \$4,530,000,000, the estimated total cost of the two-ocean navy which the United States has started to build. This amount was not included in the figures since it represents an eventual sum which must be paid by subsequent Congresses if the programme is carried through.

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Hongkong To See Timely News Film

Showings To-day

A news film which comes at a particularly opportune time is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day; it reveals what comparatively little damage has been caused to London by the constant Nazi air raids.

The Nazis do all they can to suggest that London is in ruins, and the fact that news cameramen have concentrated chiefly on pictorialising the damage which has been caused, has served to provide a slight loss of perspective. Undoubtedly London has suffered, but this authentic news film serves to remind that in relation to the whole, the damage to the Empire's capital is insignificant.

In addition the film contains other interesting shots, and concludes with a moving record of the King's speech from Buckingham Palace during an air raid. The speech was heard in Hongkong, but its effect and impressiveness is heightened on the screen by the use of background material. While the King speaks the camera records the courage and suffering of the common folk whom he praised. The whole thing leaves a very moving impression.

Frozen Danube Hinders Nazis

River Traffic Stopped

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuters).—The main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, probably until March, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The River Navigation Control Organisation has ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugo-Slav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Bizet.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.20 A Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Reports and Announcements.

8.03 Brahms—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77.

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8.43 Louis Kentner at the Piano.

Scherzo—Lcs Patheurs (Meyerbeer-Liszt); Nalla Valse (Delibes, arr. Dohnanyi).

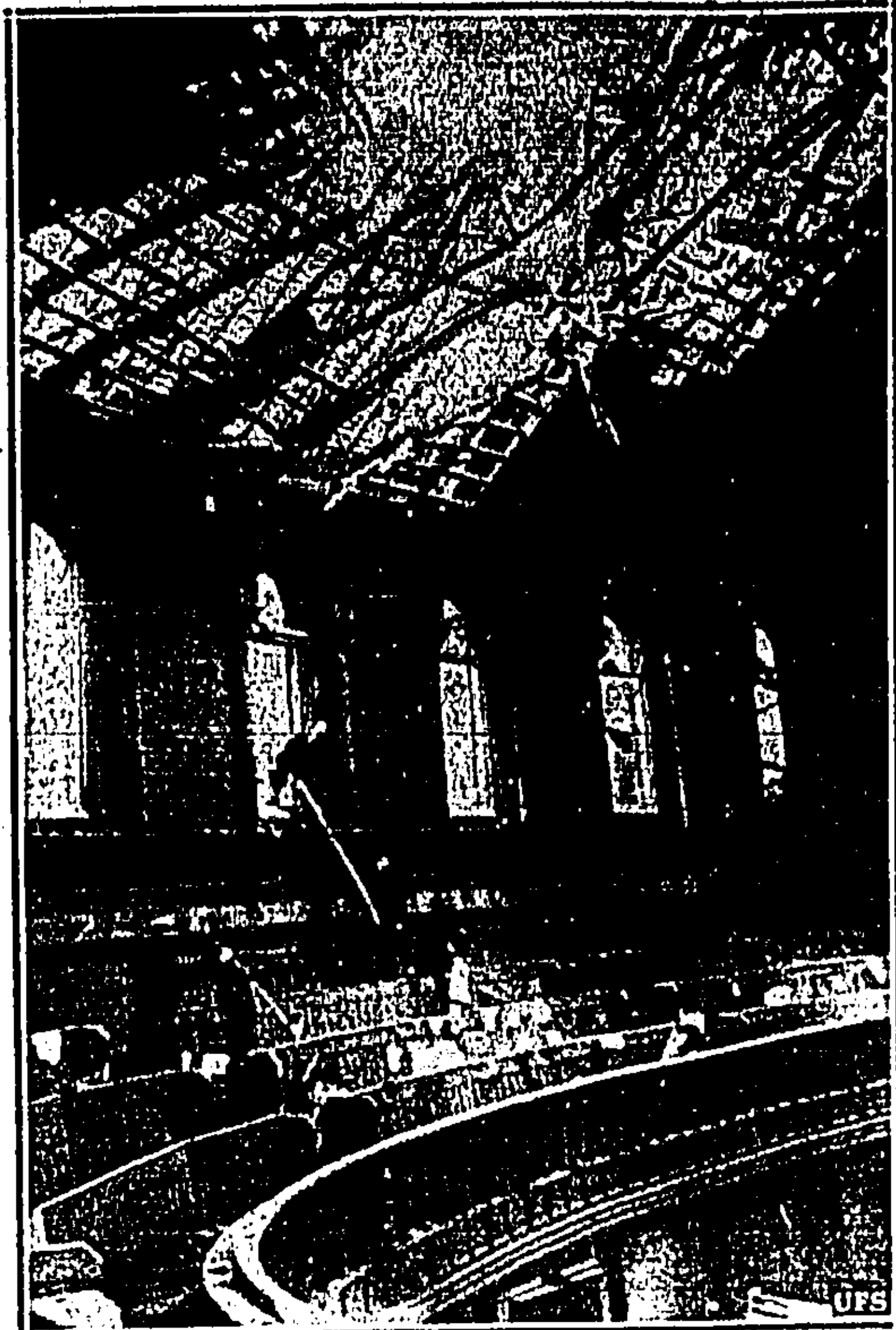
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9.45 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

10.18 Variety Programme.

11.00 Close down.



BOMB WENT TO CHURCH—One of Hitler's air raiders scored a direct hit this London church, ripping a vast hole in a skylight. Workers are among the pews to clean up the debris.

King Cheers Citizens Among Bristol Ruins

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuters).—Standing on a heap of blackened ruins in Bristol to-day, His Majesty the King talked to a woman whose home lay in ruins.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,365 b.
H.K. Banks £.....70 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....81 n.
Chartered £.....203 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....103 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....74 b.
East Asia \$.....187 1/2 b.

INSURANCES
Union \$.....395 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....150 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Santol \$.....11 n.
Indo-China F. \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....30/9 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....92 b.
Docks (old) \$.....18.10 sa.
Docks (new) \$.....7 1/2 b.
Providents \$.....5.55 b.
Shui Doekyards \$.....30 n.

MINING
Kailan \$.....16/3 n.
Raubs \$.....9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....3.05 s.
Lands \$.....35 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.
Shui Land \$.....11 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$.....73 1/2 b.
H.K. Realties \$.....4 s.
Chinese Estates \$.....100 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....17.00 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$......01 b.
Star Ferries \$.....24 1/4 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....7.30 b.
China Lights (new) \$.....7.05 b.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....40 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....30 1/2 s.
Macao Electric (old) \$.....17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$.....10 1/2 n.
Sundakan Lights \$.....11.20 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....25.70 sa.
Telephones (new) \$.....10.20 b.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	305
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	101 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	90 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

END OF EXTRALITY After China War Says Mr Wang Chung-hui

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (UP).

Mr Wang Chung-hui, China's Foreign Minister, in a speech here to-day, said that victory against Japanese aggression would mark the end of extra-territoriality.

He said that Anglo-Saxon and Soviet support for the Chinese resistance is steadily increasing, and therefore China should do her utmost to bring the struggle to a successful and early conclusion.

He cited the statements of Roosevelt, Sumner Welles and Churchill expressing their willingness to abolish extra-territoriality at the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese war.

Monks Back In England

Carmelite monks have returned to Kent after 400 years absence. Members of the fraternity have established themselves in houses at Faversham and Sittingbourne.

Refugees from Mount Carmel, dressed in grotesque robes of striped brown and white, first came to Kent with Sir Richard Gray when he returned from leading the Crusaders in Palestine 700 years ago.

He built them a house at Aylesford, where, a few years later, they established a full Order and built several priories.

They were driven out at the Dissolution and scattered over the Continent. Hitler's hordes have driven them back.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th December.....Dec. 17.

Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore.....Dec. 17.

Canton.....Dec. 17.

Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 27th Nov.).....Dec. 17.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 18th November).....Dec. 17.

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore.....Dec. 19.

Calcutta and Straits.....Dec. 21.

Sundukan.....Dec. 21.

Australia and Manila.....Dec. 23.

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Tuesday, Dec. 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".....Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

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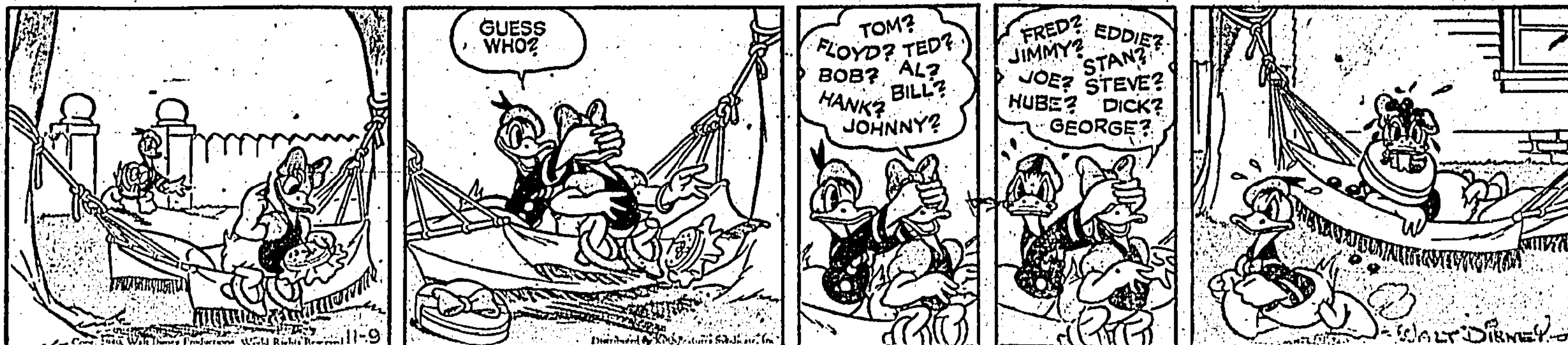
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Dearest Mother

The letter of an R.A.F. hero

Dearest Mother,—
THOUGH I fell no premonition at all, events are removing rapidly, and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake.

You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance.

Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled light-house relief ship.

Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability.

No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country; and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future.

My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It

means that your sacrifice is as great as mine.

HISTORY resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilisation has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else.

But this is not only concerning our own land.

To-day we are faced with the greatest organised challenge to Christianity and civilisation that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale.

For this I have to thank you.

Yet there is more work for you to do.

The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance

to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old.

However long that time may be, one thing can never be altered—I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot, nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation. . . . I would have it no other way.

I FIRMLY and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because He knows what is good for us.

The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed.

Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only—that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

Your loving Son —

This letter was found among the belongings of a young pilot after he had been reported "Missing — believed killed."

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



DEATH for listening-in to Britain;
TEN YEARS' jail for selling food without accepting ration coupons;
THREE YEARS' jail for talking to a Pole;
SIX MONTHS' jail for stealing a soap ration card.

This is Nazi Justice

ROSA BERGER, an attractive woman of 30, stood in the dock of a Nazi court.

For two weeks she had been under arrest. Now she faced the judges.

Her crime? She stole a ration card for soap. She hadn't one of her own.

"But I haven't used the card," she pleaded.

The plea was ignored. She was led away to serve six months' imprisonment.

Brunno Helzer is also 30. He had no clothes—only rags. And it was very cold.

So he stole a clothes ration card. "I have no clothes except the rags I am standing in," he told the court.

Twelve months' imprisonment.

These two cases, reported recently in the German Press, reveal the harsh and brutal way justice is being administered by the Nazis.

LET me go over a number of court reports I have clipped from recent issues of German newspapers.

Here, for instance, is the case of an unnamed woman who appeared in court with her hair hacked off in the crudest style.

The clerk explained to the judge that she had been caught in the company of a Polish prisoner of war. She was at once arrested, and the case was reported to the local Gauleiter.

He himself punished the woman by cutting off her hair before handing her over to the court.

Three years' imprisonment was the additional punishment.

BUT food rationing offences occupy most of the time of the courts.

There was Frau Krause, owner of a Berlin restaurant. Even after

the introduction of the severe rationing system she sold meat and butter to her customers without receiving ration coupons.

Frau Krause pleaded that she had made no profit from the sales. She just wanted to please her customers.

The court acknowledged this as a laudable action, and so she was sentenced to only ten years' hard labour, although the court was empowered to pass sentence of death for the offence.

Next I read of the man who threw salt on the icy pavement outside his house because his son had slipped and hurt his ankle. He was accused of waste.

Three weeks in jail.

Recently I have counted reports in the German Press of 82 convictions for listening-in to British and French broadcasts.

Only one case was reported fully. Georg Kaiser, an inn-keeper from Mannheim, had not only listened to the British broadcasts, but allowed his guests to join him in his crime.

Kaiser was sentenced to death. His wife, who had not informed the authorities of her husband's "treachery," was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

IN the conquered Polish territories, special Nazi courts deal with hundreds of women daily. Here is a typical case reported from Bromberg.

Sophie Lorkowska, the indolent said, put on the uniform of a Polish officer and took part in the fighting alongside her countrymen. She helped carry off Polish Germans who were to be executed. Her participation in the "Polish atrocities" was "proved" by reliable witnesses. Without hearing her defence, the court sentenced Sophie to death.

Will Frischauer

HITLER LOOKS SOUTH TO THE CONGO

WHEN that naughty old tyrant King Leopold II took over the Congo Free State as his own personal property, few people, least of all himself, even in his most optimistic moments, visualised it as the nest-egg it has since proved.

It was more luck than anything else, almost by a pin-sticking method, that the Royal route got hold of this bit of Africa.

Everybody else seemed to be taking large slices of Africa.

Almost avidly King Leopold read and re-read details of every exploration, studied and re-studied every map: Livingstone, Speke, Burton, and Stanley were magical names. From south to north, east to west, his eye wandered.

Eventually, in 1876, on the pretext of suppressing slavery in those parts, Leopold took charge of this big, central, apple-shaped part of Africa, now the Belgian Congo.

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FOR the best part of his life, up to 1908, he squeezed a large income from this piece of property, the greater part

of 900,000 square miles. The means by which this income was derived have since proved iniquitous (to put it mildly), and mainly because things were getting a little out of hand, and he was growing old and tired anyway, he handed it over to his country in 1908.

The period before 1914, under King Albert, saw vast improvements.

Railways, docks, river transport, roads, mines, agriculture were all taken in hand. There are now 3,000 miles of railway, 27,000 miles of road, thousands of miles of navigable river.

Soon the export of rubber—once the Congo's main export—was eclipsed by gold, copper, palm oil, cotton, coffee, diamonds, copal.

By 1934 the value of the gold was 200 times bigger than that of the rubber crop. Additionally, cocoa, maize, livestock, radium, coal, sugar, fruit, wood, rice, tin are all produced in this part of Central Africa.

Altogether, more than 6,000 industrial establishments were operating up till recently, though Belgium could count only 15 whites for every 10,000 natives.

Before the war the Belgians planned to make it a grand tourists' paradise—a quick, cheap holiday for Europeans by plane.

Disease statistics have fallen rapidly during the last ten years. On an average, there are only a dozen cases yearly of plague, the tsetse fly menace has decreased similarly, dysentery deaths are few and far between, and malaria is well under control.

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THERE are still plagues, despite all this Western civilisation, and cannibals are common.

Some of the Congo cannibals believe that if they eat the bodies of the dead their spirits will thus be prevented from troubling the community.

The plagues are partial to dead elephants. When one was repossessed for eating meat from an elephant, one that had long been dead, he said: "I eat the meat, not the smell."

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FOR years now the Belgians and Germans have "raved" over the Congo bone, the Belgians reiterating annually that never would they give up their colonies, the Germans emphasising equally emphatically that they didn't want them anyway. Time will soon show whether or not this was just another German bed-time story.



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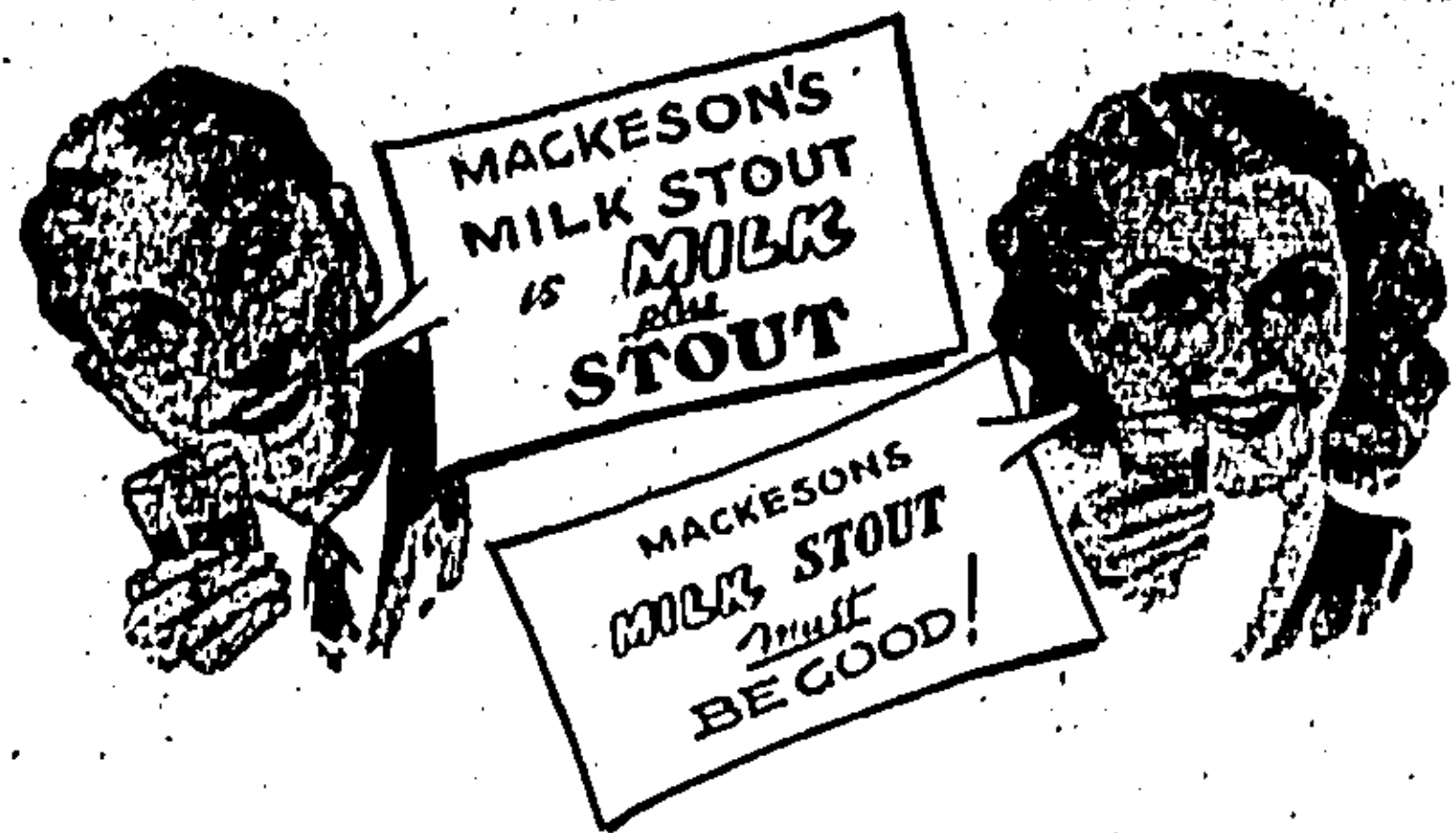
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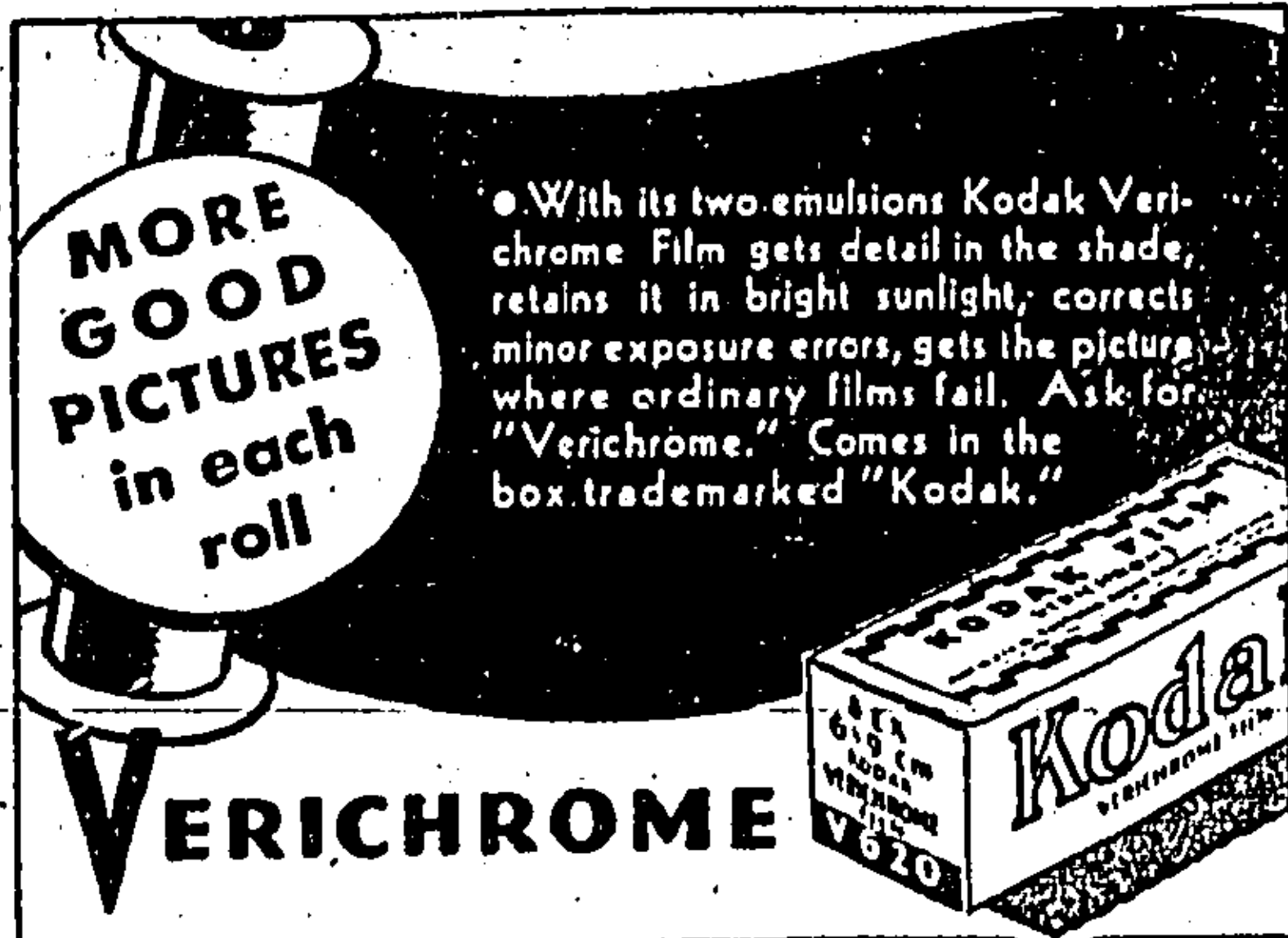
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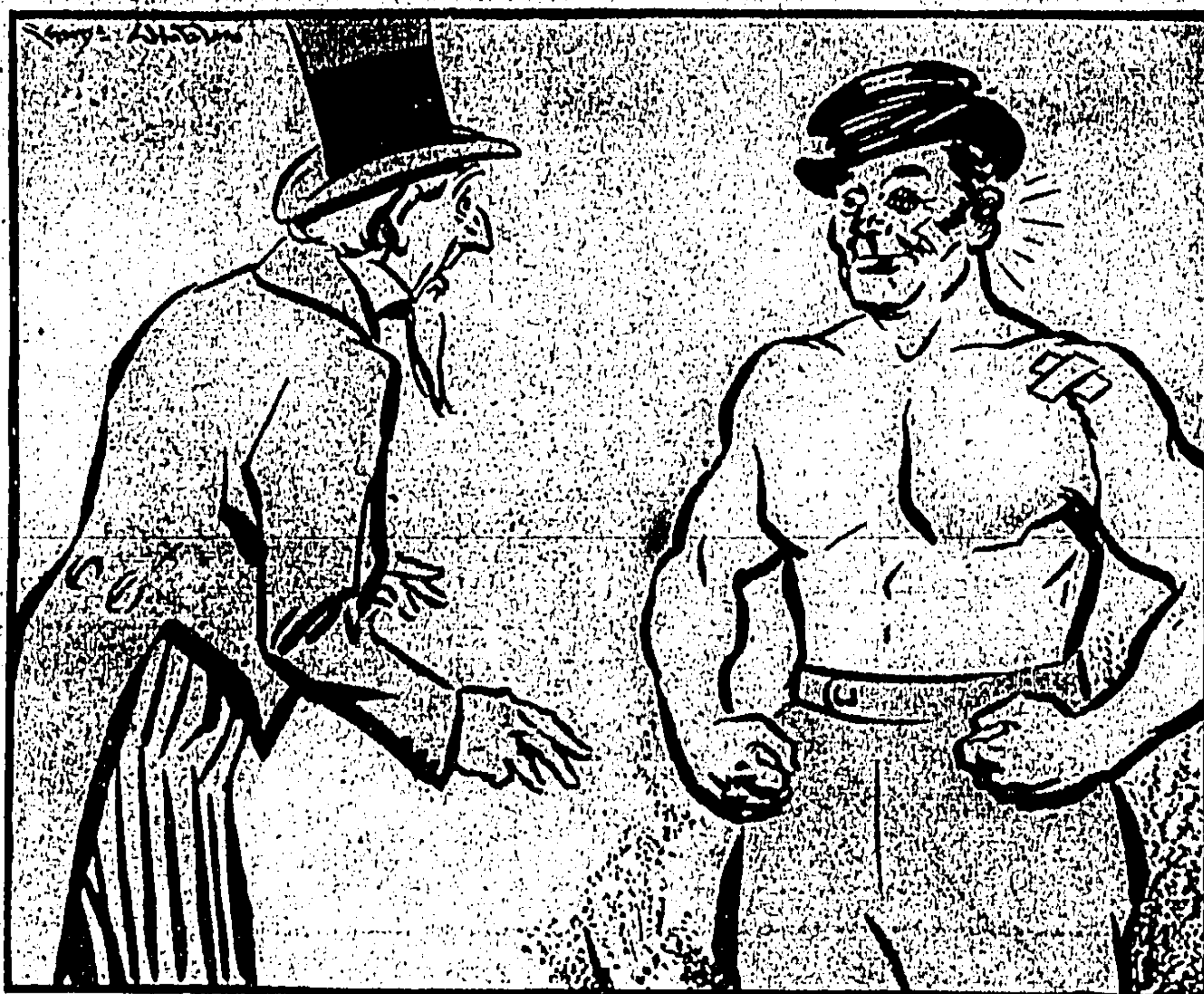
IF we are relying upon organised Christianity in Germany to rally to our banner of spiritual liberation when Hitler begins to fall, we may be sadly disappointed. So says the writer of a letter who can recall the time when Germany led the world in theological study.

Up till the latter part of last century it was customary for British divinity students to take a year in the theological schools of Germany. That has gone. With a few exceptions in Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches there is an almost total bankruptcy in spiritual leadership.

The decay of religious belief in Germany was coincident with the rise of its military power. A British newspaper correspondent, resident in Germany when Bismarck was nearing the peak of his glory, wrote that the vast majority of the Protestant middle classes, and even a large portion of the lower strata of society, were estranged from the religion of their ancestors, and took no interest in the Church or the religious lessons thrust upon the schools by Church and Government combined. Scholars had begun to denigrate Christianity as a Asiatic religion [as the Nazis do to-day], and the public, proud of their vaunted European enlightenment accepted the degrading name.

The rabble of the large cities had become uncommonly coarse, unscrupulous, and blackguardly. Already things had gone so far that men who have had a University education scarcely dared to go to church lest they should be taken for hypocrites or sentimental enthusiasts.

Nazi ostracism of the Christian religion is even more pronounced. Christianity, with its guiding principles of love, tolerance and kindness are reviled and caricatured. Under the guidance of Alfred Rosenberg, sensual, lustful paganism, with its appeal only to the physical is fast becoming the religious dogma of Nazi Germany. Hitler has never attempted to hide his contempt for Christian teachings, and has encouraged to the full the efforts of his satellites engaged in religious persecution. In Hitler's case, his violent opposition to Christianity is based largely on fear—fear that the spread of Christian principles within Germany will bring enlightenment to the German people, sufficient to destroy him and his infamous system.



"YES BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE OTHER FELLOW!"

AS BRITAIN STANDS UP TO THE BLITZKRIEG...

FROM all across the Europe that lies under the Swastika reports come by underground and round-about routes of a new stirring. It is not revolt; but it may be the forerunner of revolt the moment that there is anything like a chance.

Back in July, in early August even, there was little enough hope left in any of these peoples.

They were just waiting for Britain to collapse. And that would be the end of freedom in Europe.

All the Nazi propaganda—and any other news was hard and dangerous to come by—told them it was all over but shouting.

The Luftwaffe had already mastered the R.A.F. The British Fleet had lost all control of the sea. Britain was cowering under German bombs. Resistance was collapsing.

Nazi Boastings Of A Dictated Peace

All was set for invasion; Hitler would dictate peace in London within a week or two.

Goebbels did a bad job for his master when he spread that story from the "Schlag" to the "Vistula".

So hard did he plug the theme that he got it believed. And then came the reaction. If all that Goebbels had said was true, then things should have happened. The Nazi victory parade should have been marching down Whitehall.

Instead, there came into Poland, into Czechoslovakia, into Northern France, migrants from the Ruhr and the Rhineland, sent away out of reach of the R.A.F.

In spite of rules and regulations and orders, they talked. But they had no need to. The

fact of their coming told the story. And no propaganda could counter it.

If the R.A.F. was steadily bombing the Ruhr and Rhineland, then Goebbels had not anything like won the mastery of the air.

The R.A.F. was not a beaten force. Britain was not a beaten country. All that Goebbels had been saying for a couple of months was moonshine.

That trek from the Ruhr was a turning point. As the news of it spread, there came with it a new hope and a new courage.

Then came the Nazis' change of tune. They began to complain of the brutality of the R.A.F. to protest against British "aggression."

Hopes rose a lot more. If the British were being aggressive, then they certainly were nothing like beaten.

That is why, during the past few weeks, there have come, through this channel and that, news of a cheering kind about the occupied areas.

Acts of sabotage are much on the

BEATEN EUROPE STIRS

By W. N. EWER

increase, especially in Belgium and in Czechoslovakia.

Some have been so serious that the Germans have had to admit them and to threaten new terror if they do not cease.

Most of them have been less dramatic. But they are persistent and they are increasing.

Non-co-operation—refusal to play the Quisling—is turning into passive resistance: a much more difficult thing for a harassed occupying Power to cope with.

Passive resistance cannot turn to active resistance yet.

Invincibility Legend Has Gone

The grip of the German garrisons and of the Gestapo is too strong for that to be possible.

But quite certainly passive resistance is on the increase everywhere, because there is a revival of hope everywhere.

The legend of German invincibility has gone. Belief is growing that Britain is at any rate a sporting chance of victory.

As in the occupied countries, so among the neutrals.

German prestige is still tremendous. And every Government whose frontiers can be reached by land from the Reich is going to walk very warily and give no cause for offence in Berlin.

But for all that, none of them—neither the Russians, nor the Balkan States, nor the Spaniards, nor the Swedes, nor the Swiss—are anything like so sure to-day that the Germans are winning hands down.

They are not as yet anything like convinced that we are winning. But statesmen who two months ago would have calculated the odds at maybe 20 to 1 on Germany, would probably calculate to-day that it is something like even.

Europe Is Beginning To Doubt

No neutral government in Europe, let me repeat, is going to do anything risky. From Madrid to Moscow, the policy is one of appeasing Hitler.

But it is one of negative appeasement rather than of active co-operation.

Even in the countries most under German influence there is more opposition to it than there was.

Even in Rumania, the moment Hitler's man becomes dictator he would have calculated the odds at maybe 20 to 1 on Germany, would probably calculate to-day that it is something like even.

It all shifts and changes as the sway of battle shifts and changes. To-day Hitler still bestrides Europe "like a Colossus." He still boasts that he is going to impose a "new order" on the whole Continent.

But Europe, occupied and unoccupied, is beginning again to wonder whether the feet are not of clay, whether the new order that must come will be moulded by Hitler or by free peoples.

It looks to us these days with a new hope and a growing faith.

British Commonwealth Alliance

It is often said and written that the British Empire now fights alone. In a sense this is true, even though there are still with us the sturdy remnants of the fighting forces of five foreign allies. Only the British Commonwealth of Nations remains intact, unconquered, fighting on all fronts, able to strike the way to victory.

Yet one does not say of a football team that it plays alone. The British Commonwealth is itself an alliance. In its fighting ranks are five fully self-governing nations, each of which chose to fight, and chooses to go on fighting, for its own reasons—its own security, its own ideals, its own freedom.

Among these five are nations in Europe, in America, in Africa and in the South Pacific. What better proof could there be that the Allied cause is a world-wide cause: Canada is in the war for North American reasons, the Union for African reasons, Australia and New Zealand for Pacific reasons, yet all for the same reason; that the good life as free men know it is in danger, and that for the goal of a progressive human brotherhood the Nazis would substitute an iron domination in the interests of their own elect.

Great Brotherhood

Of the not yet fully self-governing peoples of the British Commonwealth we may say the same. If in law they are bound to the war of the whole Commonwealth, in spirit they are free to cheer or reject it. By every act and utterance they have shown that they, too, are eager allies. Hitler faces, not a little island only, nor yet an island with a few poor and distant friends, but a great group of nations and peoples, vast in numbers and power, fighting for a common cause.

It is not enough, however, to be united in spirit. Without more practical forms of union for the conduct of the war, such a wide alliance may have dangerous weaknesses. If there were no unity of command in major fighting operations, how fatal might be the confusion, the lack of common purpose or proper co-ordination of forces and campaigns.

Such military unity of command requires, in the last resort, joint political institutions at the top to take decisions binding on the military forces. The totalitarian nature of modern war underlines this need. Perhaps the fundamental flaw in the Anglo-French alliance was that it provided no political unity to match and govern the unity of military command. The offer of federal union between Britain and France came too late to remedy this flaw.

Must Work As One

Within the British Commonwealth no such drastic remedy as federal union is needed. But it is an issue for constant vigilance, whether the means of political unity and common decision between governments are adequate to the needs of unity in action to defeat the enemy. This war has not yet thrown up any organ comparable to the Imperial War Cabinet.

There are other possibilities of defect in Commonwealth unity for war which need constant watching. It would obviously be disastrous, for instance, if the several Dominions and the United Kingdom competed with each other for supplies of munitions or raw materials from the United States or other foreign countries. An Anglo-French purchasing commission was deemed a necessary, an all-Commonwealth, purchasing commission seems no less desirable.

In all these facets of modern war, it is not enough to have unity of purpose. There must also be unity of decision leading to concerted action.

By ROBERT POWER ----

All for Each

IT was a village custom of old Japan, when a person fell ill, for a man to run from house to house, announcing the news, and calling upon all the villagers to make a thousand visits to the Shinto temple.

A tall order, one may think, but apparently it served if a hundred people were good enough to pay ten visits each to the temple and there offer up their invocations on behalf of the afflicted neighbour.

We smile, sceptically, at the idea.

And yet, I feel that we ought not to be too confident that we are right.

We do not perform rites of this kind in the West—not nowadays at least. I suppose we would say that we were too civilised to entertain any belief in them. Nevertheless, as symbols of a great underlying truth they are not to be scorned.

That truth is the reality of human kinship, and if it is more

apparent to primitive people than it is to us, then in the process of our development we have lost on the roundabouts something we have not gained on the swings.

All men are kin, and those who live close to each other are spiritually something more—they are close relations. Their community forms a unit, of which they should be much more conscious than they are.

The health or sickness of every member of that community should be of vital concern to the rest. In a time of illness they should, in a spiritual sense of course, make their thousand journeys to the temple, or if that metaphor be rejected, let us say that spiritually they should gather round the bedside to help in the patient's cure.

In other words, it should matter—and matter tremendously—to the community that its members be happy and whole.

The knowledge that it matters could not but affect the well-being of the afflicted: it must uplift and sustain them in their trial.

'PHONE PLEAS FOR BRITAIN

Remarkable Drive in America

In a remarkable drive to mobilise support for the campaign to help Britain, volunteer workers for the William Allen White Committee to defend America by aiding the Allies will ring up every private telephone number in New York City.

Business numbers will be omitted, but in New York's five boroughs there are 735,488 residential telephone numbers, which, it is pointed out, is more than all the business and home telephones in Norway, Finland, Elro, Greece, Portugal, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Lithuania combined.

In each case the caller will speak to the woman of the house—if there is one—and try to enlist her sympathies for the committee's work. A chart will be compiled showing whether the people called are in favour of the committee's objectives, against them, or merely neutral.

Those who are sympathetic will be called upon whenever the need arises to write letters to the President, Senators, Representatives and members of the Administration, urging support for the measures recommended by the committee, which is now trying to arouse public opinion in favour of sending Britain 25 American "flying fortresses."

Calls will be made by a team of 149 women. It is estimated that if one person made these calls and took two minutes for each, it would take him nearly 30 years to complete the task, assuming that he worked eight hours a day on every day of the week.

Secret U.S. Planes

NEW types of American aircraft will soon be flying with the R.A.F.

The names of three of them are still a secret, but they include fighters made by the Curtiss Company.

Even after these three machines have been put into service, they will not be mentioned by name in official bulletins until it is believed that the enemy knows about them and their capabilities.

But two American machines that will soon be officially mentioned are the Buffalo and the Boston.

The Buffalo is one of the latest United States single-seater fighters.

Snub-Nosed Fighter
Designed for the United States Navy, it is a snub-nosed vicious-looking machine, easy to handle, but details of its performance have not yet been disclosed.

The Boston is a bomber. It will be the first aircraft with a tricycle undercarriage to go into service with the R.A.F.

Instead of a wheel at the tail it has one at the nose, apart from the two main landing wheels in the nacelles of the motors.

At rest it is permanently in the take-off position, so that it needs only a short run to become airborne. Both the Buffalo and the Boston are believed to be better than anything of similar type belonging to the Nazis.

Cripps' Son Is C.O.

A Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, at Oxford, recently registered John Stafford Cripps, the son of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, to do work of national importance.

He will be required to do agricultural or horticultural work or market gardening for two days a week.

Cripps submitted that war was irreconcilable with the Christian belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

He was at one time prospective Labour candidate for Exeter.

GERMANS TRY TO WIN OVER GUERNSEY ISLANDERS

GERMANS in occupation of Guernsey are trying to win over the islanders to their cause by kid glove methods—but over all is the shadow of the Gestapo, says a "Daily Herald" correspondent.

One of a party of eight men who got away from the island in a 20-foot boat told of life in Nazi Guernsey.

"The invaders are so extra courteous," he said, "that they even stop off the pavement to allow women to pass."

"There is a penalty of 15 years imprisonment for anyone who speaks slightly of German soldiers, and the singing of 'God Save the King' is forbidden."

"Everyday is made to work. Flat rates of pay are 30s. a week for single men and 38s. for married men, with a few extra shillings for each child."

"All the wages are paid by the Guernsey State."

"Rationing was getting severe when I left. We were each allowed two ounces of butter and sixpence worth of meat a week."

"Bread is poor. It is made of

PANAMA HIGHWAY READY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (UP).—Definite announcement by the Panama Government that the trans-isthmian highway, connecting Panama City, on the Pacific, with Colon, on the Atlantic, would be completed in the immediate future has been received with much public enthusiasm, according to a report of the Commerce Department from Panama.

The office of the American Commercial Attaché at Panama City said it is understood that work on about 25 miles of the highway yet unfinished will be rushed by working three shifts, a development which will further improve the already encouraging employment situation.

Local commercial interests were reported to foresee many advantages to the Republic as the result of the completion of this highway, including acceleration of freight movement from the Atlantic side docks to Panama City, expansion by the trucking business, and development of the now isolated areas of the interior.

Cotton Raid Plan Hopes

Mr. Churchill's promise to re-examine the question of air-raided insurance for property has been especially well received in Lancashire.

Some mills in the Royton district recently formed a small pool to which each contributed and from which each could draw if they suffered damage.

But the inland Revenue authorities refused to consider these contributions as part of the expenses of the business, and demanded that they should be included in profits for tax purposes.

The attitude stopped further contributions with the result that the pool is too small to be effective. The industry now hopes that Mr. Churchill's re-examination will cover this point.

Island "King" Sued In U. S.

A suit for divorce has been filed in New York against Mr. Harold Fortington, former "King of Jethou," the island paradise in the Channel Isles, and since the war Director-General of Progress and Statistics at the War Office.

His wife, Mrs. Edna Winifred Fortington, a daughter of Sir Ernest Jardine, the Nottingham lace machine magnate, is asking for 500 dollars (£100) weekly alimony and 10,000 dollars (£2,000) lawyers' fees.

Contested
She says in her petition that she is living in comparative poverty in New York with her daughter.

The Sunday Dispatch New York correspondent says Mr. Fortington has contested the suit.

Mr. Fortington bought the Isle of Jethou from Mr. Compton Mackenzie, the novelist.

Young Girl May Send Mother To Her Death

A GIRL of 22 may doom her mother to the electric chair in New York. This is the latest development in the fantastic story of "Murder Incorporated"—The Brooklyn "cash and bury" syndicate which is now believed to have been responsible for 54 murders.

Two leaders of the gang, "Bugsy" Goldstein and "Pittsburgh Phil" Strauss, were sentenced to death recently for the murder of a man known as "Puggy" Freinstein.

The girl is Mrs. Sylvia Weiner who married Benjamin ("Chippy") Weiner when she was 16. Her husband is now in Sing Sing Prison, serving a term for robbery.

Her mother, Mrs. Rose Pantiel, a stolid widow of 40, known as "the Red Rose of Williamsburg," is under arrest, charged as an accomplice to the murder of a gangster known as Rubin ("The Mock") Shapiro. Mr. O'Dwyer, New York's District Attorney, believes that she knows the secrets of ten other gang murders.

Visit To Husband
The daughter was detained as a material witness, but after a visit to her husband in Sing Sing she refused to talk. To convince her that to tell what she knows may be the only way to save her mother's life, Mr. O'Dwyer pointed to her and said:

"There's a girl who for love of a man in Sing Sing is going to send her mother to the electric chair."

The murders which the District Attorney hopes to solve as a result of Mrs. Pantiel's arrest were committed in a gang war which followed an attempt by a group led by "Knockout" Harry Halpern to "muscle in" on territory run by another group, known as the "Larney Boys." Rubin Shapiro, a loan shark, was marked for murder because the Larney gang suspected that he was financing Halpern's mob and supplying them with guns and cars.

ANTI-NAZI RIOTS IN NORWAY
Scenes of great disorder followed demonstrations by students against the Germans in Norway recently, and as a result the authorities have dissolved the Norwegian Students' Association (Switzerland) radio.

Disorder was greatest in Oslo. The association was dissolved, says the radio station, because the students defied the ban on processions and public meetings.

The Germans have confiscated all the money belonging to the association. They have threatened that if there are any further demonstrations they will close Oslo University and other colleges and schools.

Servant Leaves £1,000

Sewing Machine Legacy
Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Champion, of 24, Donald-road, Willesden, N.W., and formerly of Fifth-avenue, Queen's Park, W.10, described in her will (July 14, 1918) as a "domestic," who died on April 28 last, left £1,108 1s. 1d. (net personality £1,063 10s. 2d.).

She left a War Savings Certificate to "my devoted parent" Henry A. Barton, and her sewing machine "to be used in memory of me," to her friend Minnie Pepper, "house-mother, residing at White Oak School, Swanley, Kent."

The whole of her goods and effects she left to May Barton, of Gravesend, "as some little recompense for the shelter she has given my late son and me."

ONE NURSE SAVES 18 BOMBED EXPECTANT MOTHERS

EIGHTEEN expectant London mothers owe their lives to the amazing heroism of 30-year-old Staff Nurse Tegwen Davies. Single-handed, she dragged them from the remains of a bombed pre-natal home in East Anglia.

The bomb wrecked one side of the home one night recently, burying a number of the mothers under piles of bricks and fallen timbers.

"It was only a fluke that I happened to be near the spot," said Nurse Davies. "There was no nursing staff at the home—only a housekeeper. I was outside."

"I saw the bomb fall in the moonlight and flung myself flat on the ground."

"Then all hell seemed to break loose. There was a terrific flash, and bits of brick were flung all around me."

"When I picked myself up I could hear a number of women screaming for help."

"I clambered over the debris and started to feel around in the dark. It was simply dreadful."

Blast Blackened
"All the women were blackened by the bomb blast and I had the greatest difficulty in finding those who were unconscious."

"Six of them staggered out with a little help, but I had to drag 12 out by the armpits."

"To make matters worse, the shock sent most of the mothers into labour. I placed them down on the pavement and tried to stop cars and lor-



DISPOSSESSED BY HITLER—Homeless folk are becoming generally seen on London streets as Hitler's airman continue raids on Britain's capital city. These above were dispossessed by bombs, but they are attempting to salvage belongings from their homes.

DAMAGES AWARDED TO GIRL

—Police Sued

A 15-year-old domestic servant who successfully claimed damages for false imprisonment from four police officers, had her claim increased from £50 to £80 by Judge Capron at Dudley County Court recently.

He described the methods adopted by the police officers in investigating the disappearance of a handbag as "highly improper and dangerous to the course of justice."

The fact that the girl was an infant gave him power to increase her modest claim.

Fetched From Bed
Yvonne Turner, of Robert Street, Lower Gornal, sued Inspector Felton, in charge of the Sedgley (Staffordshire) Police Station, P.C.s Williams, and Plant and War Reserve Constable Tickrill.

She complained that after a woman had missed a bus containing £22 she was fetched out of bed at her employer's house at midnight, taken to the police station and severely questioned.

P.C.'s "Inexperience"
The judge held that the girl was taken to the station against her will. Normal police investigation would have shown there was no ground for the conclusion that the bag had been lost.

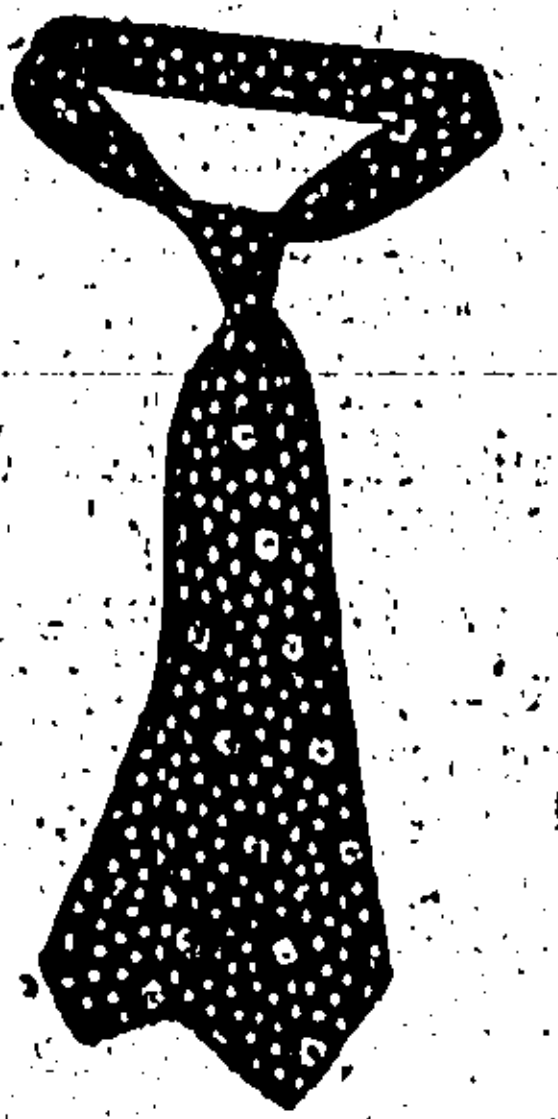
He believed that the sole desire of the officers was to "carry out" their duty. That they did so improperly was due in the case of the constables to inexperience and over hasty conclusions, and in the case of the inspector to an undue acceptance and reliance upon conclusions and theories of his subordinates.

Bird Of Paradise Grows Long Tail
SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 24 (UP).—A bird of paradise in New Guinea has outdone the dog was wagged by the latter. The bird, nine inches in length, has grown a tail three feet long.

It has been named the "McNicol's" ribbon-tailed bird of paradise, after Sir William McNicol, administrator of New Guinea, who has sent a specimen to the Museum here.

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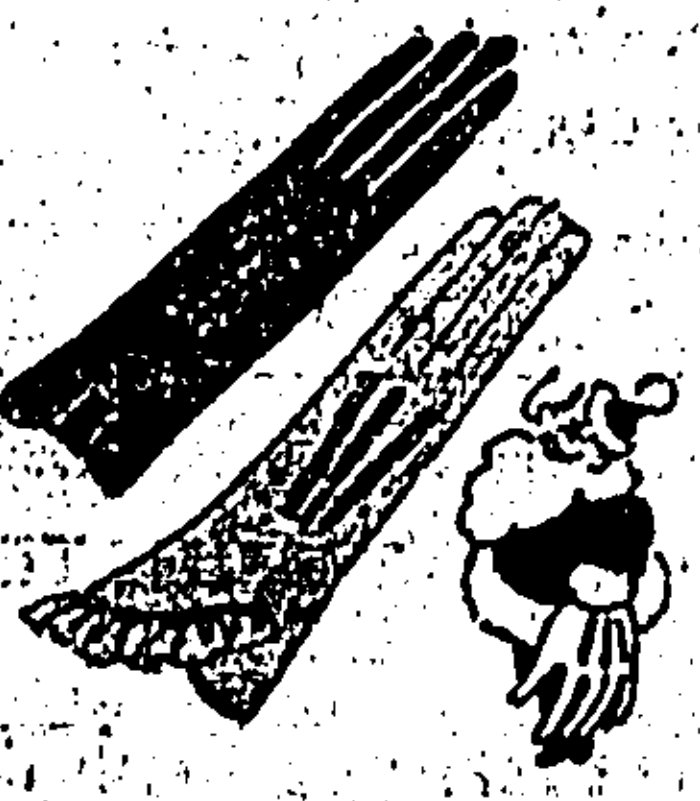
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Richardson And Attwell In Rare Performance GOSANO BROTHERS IN FORCE

THE PAST WEEK has been one of much camp and offices have been pretty well disorganised—mine certainly has—and cricket last Saturday suffered the same fate. However, it has to be done and I personally envied the people in camp during the lovely weather, though I hear they had such hard work that the canteen automatically closed itself at night! However enough players were available for the Civil Service and I.R.C. of the first division teams to play a game down at Sookunpoo.

The Civil Service are always a different side when away from their own ground and they hit up the pretty useful score of 185 for 7 wickets declared. In the old days, *Consule Planco*, a hundred for no wicket was no very surprising thing, when, if my memory serves me, de Rome and G. R. Sayer used to open the innings.

But it is a distinct rarity now and Dicky Richardson and Attwell are to be congratulated on putting up 106 for the first wicket. They only took three quarters of an hour. Attwell is a great acquisition and in the combination the problem of the opening pair for C.S.C.C. seems to have been solved.

Besides Richardson (87) and Attwell (42) Hollidge wasted little time over his 33. When the side has *Fortesque* going in number ten and *Hawkins* number eleven it ought to have pretty strong batting. Incidentally I hear that Richardson was in tremendous form and lifted *Minu* four times over the fence. (These are no sixes at the I.R.C.) He was driving much more than he usually does.

A Dull Draw

It is probable that the C.S.C.C. held on a quarter of an hour too long and that they might have won the game had they not done so. As it was, with an hour and a half to go the I.R.C. dug themselves in and the game petered out into a dull draw. This week I have to record that Richardson took two wickets for three runs! A. H. Rumjahn, who must be pretty nearly the dozen of cricketers playing now, got a nice thirty-two, but nobody else did much.

At Recreio

It says much for the strength of the Recreio cricket that

they managed to put out two quite useful sides, Volunteers and non-Volunteers.

The Gosano brotherhood turned out in their full formation of six. Five of them played for the Volunteers while E.L. of course is a Government doctor. He got 31, while L.G. (24) J.M. (12) G.N. (22) represented the batting strength.

In bowling A.V., L.G., J.M., and E.L. all got two wickets apiece. Apart from the family, H. A. Barres (21), A. A. Lopes (20) and M. A. Fernandes (19) were the main bowlers. The game was drawn in the Volunteers' favour but only 211 runs were scored in the afternoon.

"A." Cricket

K.C.C. had quite a fair A side out against Craigenpower and put up 130 though it was chiefly due to A. T. Lee who made one of his infrequent appearances. He got 59 not out, and it is a great pity his duties do not allow him to play regularly.

Ernie Fincher is having a very bad patch now. I don't know if it is the result of getting bitten by the golf bug or not.

Craigenpower were lamentably weak in their batting and only *Hawson* (12) G. Souza (10) and *Extras* (10) reached double figures. Lloyd took 6 for 5 but it was rather a slaughter of the innocent! Ernie Fincher took three for two!

Low Scores

THE CIVIL SERVICE second eleven did very well to get the I.R.C. second out for eighty-four. A. R. Safford (34 not out) alone did much though H. T. Barma (15) made a useful stand with him. The C.S. fielding was greatly improved and at least two excellent catches were made.

A COLLAPSE

UNFORTUNATELY they went and blotted their copy book by being all out for seventy-six. A. Watson (25) and F. E. Lawrence (19) seemed to have put things right in a good second wicket stand but after that there was a complete collapse and only A. M. J. Wright (15) at the end did anything. All the same the C.S. second is a vastly improved team and were by no means at full strength on Saturday.

Police Win

THE POLICE were not at full strength either when they played the University second, but they were in form and were reinforced by the return of Pope who has been away for two or three matches. As he took six for twenty-two and made 27 his value to the side is manifest.

But for a 29 by L. H. Tan, 10 by Extras, and 12 not out and 13 respectively by Mazza and Amplanavar they would have been even more in the soup. As it was they resulted 106 runs. Besides Pope, Pilling (31)

Fanling Racing

Entries And Handicaps For Boxing Day

Following are the entries and handicaps for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's meeting at Kwai on Boxing Day:

Taipei Hurdle Race (1½ miles)—Cape Corcoran (160), Clowner (165), Dow Jones (165), Eve of Dancing (160), Grebe (165), March Drown (165), Montmain (165), Saturday Night (late Prince Charming) (165), Soldier of Fortune (165), The Babeon (160), Three Farthings (160), Trinkles (late Morning Glory) (160), Zero (165).

Happy Valley Handicap "E" Class (second Section) (1½ miles)—Arabian Cal (160), Gallant Marshal (155), Gold Eagle (162), High Tower (165), King's Envoy (162), Lucky Eleven (165), National Honour (165), National Liberty (165), Old fashioned (160), Sunshine Susie (164), Wild Bear (160).

The New South Wales (1½ miles)—Jingo (165), Hecynah Star (162), Kiola (165), Sea Urchin (162), Spectrum (162), Revolt (165).

The Fanling Cup Handicap "D" Class (Seven Furlongs)—Butte (160), C. L. Star (165), Dick Turpin (160), Forward Drive (165), Helix (165), Jolly Kid (165), Quick Response (165), Rising Star (165), Rooster (165), Ruby Star (162), Schmetterling (165), Sea Urchin (165), Surprise Again (160), Tazian (160).

The Castle Peak Handicap "D" Class (Seven Furlongs)—Butte (160), Chatterbox (160), Clowner (165), Double Chance (165), Emergency Call (164), Eve of Dancing (165), Jack O' Lantern (165), King's Worthy (164), National Success (160), Palmer (160), Phoenix (165), Pilot (165), Royal Highness (165), Sylvandale (165), The Leopard (162), The Tigress (160), Wilber (165).

Happy Valley Handicap "E" Class (second Section) (1½ miles)—Cape Corcoran (160), Desert Star (165), Dow Jones (165), George (162), Heddon (165), Jolly Kid (165), Plain View (165), Stadium Star (160), Zero (161).

In connection with the Fanling Cup a special \$1 sweep limited to 100,000 chances, is being run. The cost of one Through Chance is \$10, including the special sweep. The tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17 Connaught Road Central top floor.

CHINESE SOCCER TEAMS

To Play Assn. For Charity On Dec. 22

The following will represent Chinese A and B teams in the first round of the Hongkong Rotary Canteen and Ambulance Fund, the Hongkong and Macao Relief Association and the China Medical Relief Association on December 22:

A team at 4 p.m.—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao), Tang Chung-wan (Sing Tao), Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao), Soong Tin-tai (Sing Tao), Soong Lin-hon (Sing Tao), Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern), Chung Yung-sam (Eastern), Chung Yung-sam (Eastern), Fung King-ching (Sing Tao), Lee Wai-tung (Sing Tao), (Capt.) Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao), Han Ching-to (Eastern).

B team at 5.30 p.m.—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern), Lau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Kwok Yee-ke (Sing Tao), Lam Tak-po (South China), Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Tom Kwong-sam (Sing Tao), Chow Man-chi (South China), (Capt.) Hui Man-hui (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kei (Kwong Wah), Wong King-ching (Kwong Wah), Leung Kong Shing-hing (Kwong Wah), Kwok-wai (South China), Lau Chi-chan (Eastern), Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao), Li Wan-ming (R.C.L. Leung-ke (South China), Chan Tuk-fai (Sing Tao), C. T. Tse (Eastern).

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Christmas Cricket

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THIS IS HOW TO DO IT



Boity Fitzgerald, Cardinals' short stop, connects during their match with Ramblerettes at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday. Catcher Melvy Campos (Ramblerettes) seems sceptical.—Ming Yuen.

French Professional Boxers Of The Past

SO they're going to kill professional sport in France! What does that mean to the boxing business?

Golf

Adamson Cup Competition At The Valley

Low scoring featured the December qualifying round of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley during the week-end, when S. T. Butlin returned a card of 76-12=64 to qualify.

Other scores were G. W. Reeve 80-13=67 and J. W. MacDonald 70-7=69.

THE BOGEY (Par) Pool at Fanling during the past week-end drew 11 entries and was won by G. T. Harrington (2) who ended four up.

CHINESE SOCCER TEAMS

International Eleven To Meet Scotland

The team to represent China against Scotland in the first round of the "Sunday Herald" Cup—on the Police ground on Christmas Day is:

Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao), Tang Chung-wan (South China), Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao), Soong Tin-tai (Sing Tao), Soong Lin-hon (Sing Tao), Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern), Chung Yung-sam (Eastern), Chung Yung-sam (Eastern), Fung King-ching (Sing Tao), Lee Wai-tung (Sing Tao), (Capt.) Lai Shiu-wing (Sing Tao), Han Ching-to (Eastern).

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I'll tell you, writes Len Harvey. It means we shall see no more grand scrappers from France like the "Three Musketeers"—handsome, debonair Georges Carpentier, grim little Charles Ledoux, the implacable Eugene Criqui.

You've heard all about Gorgeous Georges and the way he bounced the best of our big men on the canvas, while the record of Charles Ledoux is still fresh in the memory.

Story To Tell

HOWEVER, here is one story about Criqui that seems to be worth telling.

Criqui was just another fighter before 1914, when, like every other able-bodied Frenchman, he took on an entirely different sort of scrap. He came out of the front line with a shrapnel-mashed jaw, a jaw so badly injured that the surgeons fitted it with a silver plate.

Eugene thought his boxing days were over, but he could not keep away from the ring. One day one of the boys asked him to act as scout.

The ex-pollu forgot all about his patched-up jaw until the other man creased him with a savage right that should have put him down and out. Criqui took the punch unblinkingly!

Finding his reinforced chin had stood up to the blow, he decided to make a come-back.

How well he did it is ring history. Criqui went on to win the world's feather-weight championship, scrapping several times at the Holborn Stadium while en route to the title.

In one Holborn fight he was matched with Walter Ross, the British champion, winning on a knockout after being behind on points.

Badminton

Chinese "Y" Beaten By University

PLAYING on their home court, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. suffered a 7-2 defeat when they met the University "A" in the First Division of the Badminton League last night.

The Colony doubles champions, P. H. Wong (also Singles champion) and C. Au split up in order to even but the tactics failed before the powerful Undergraduates' pairs. In fact, it is doubtful if the result would have been any more favourable had Au and Wong partnered, for the University this year are, if anything, stronger than last, and provided examinations do not interfere their men should be most prominent in the Colony championships at the end of the season.

The results were: C. Au and P. Koh (Y.M.C.A.) lost to K. H. Choy and C. K. Lee 7-2, lost to P. H. Hui and H. F. Chew 10-21, beat P. S. Dun and M. S. Lim 21-9, P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung lost to Choy and Lee 9-21, beat Hui and Chew 21-13, lost to Sun and Lim 15-21, H. K. Lee and C. Lau lost to Choy and Lee 12-21, lost to Hui and Chew 10-21, lost to Sun and Lim 10-21.

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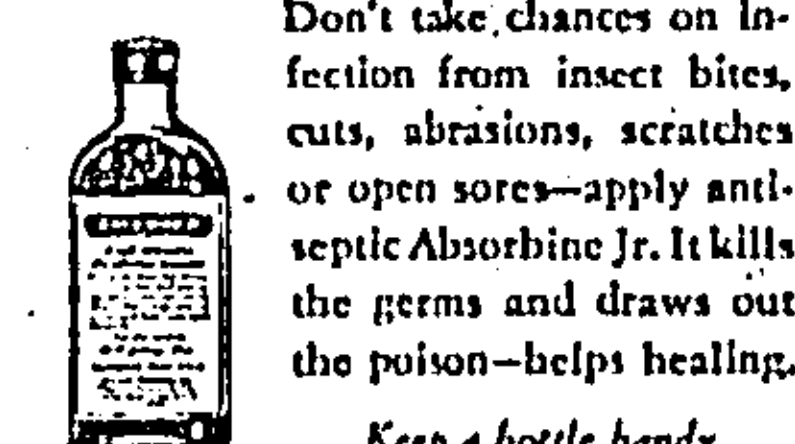
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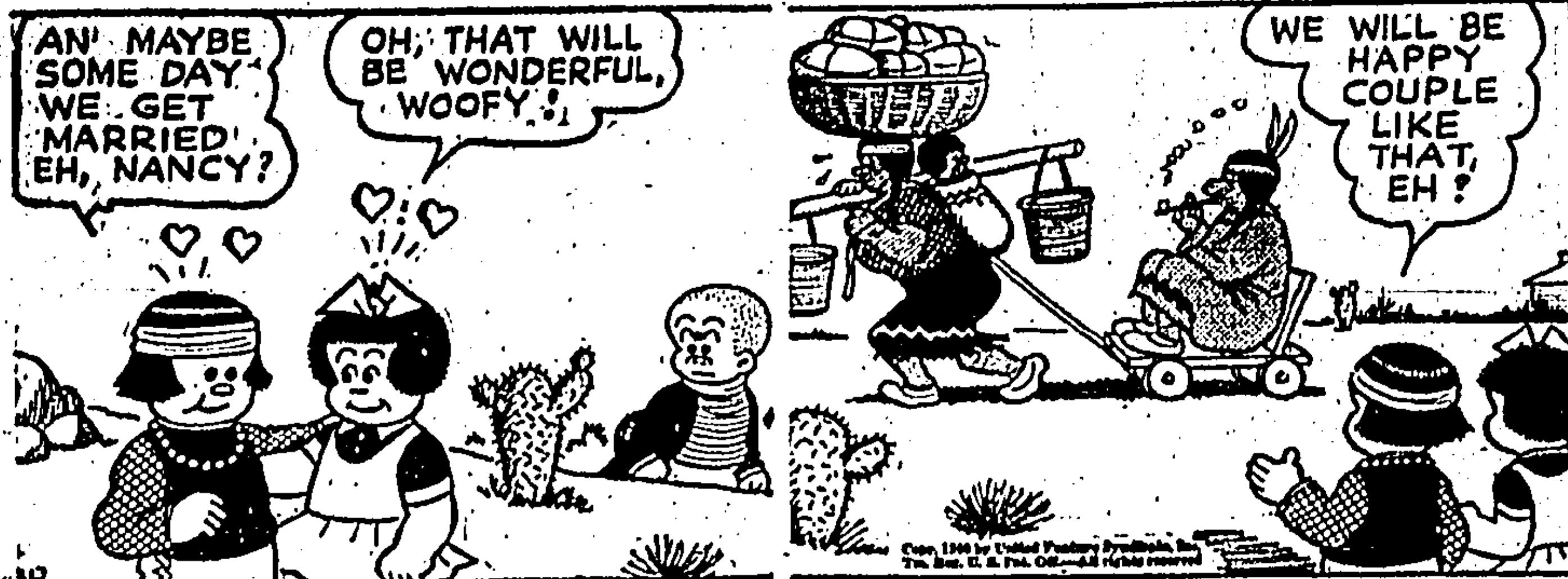
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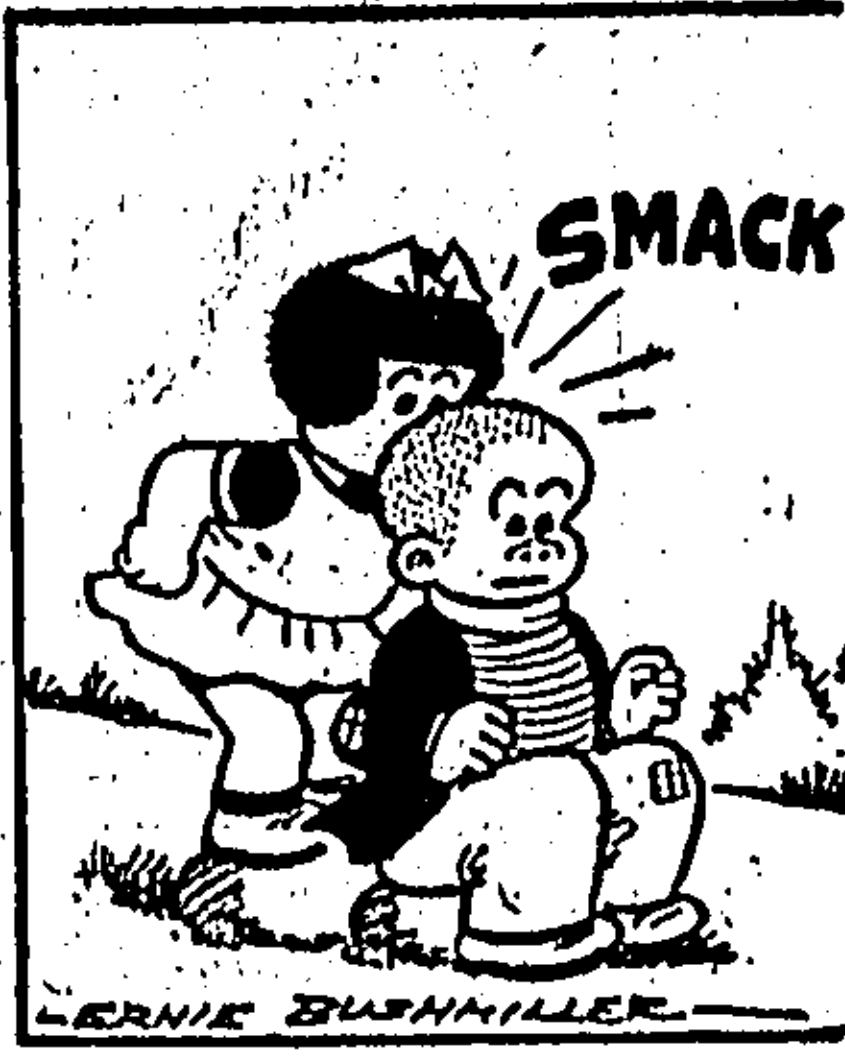
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Laval Coup Discovered?

New York, Dec. 16. Laval is now being detained in the Chateau de Pellevoisin awaiting charges of an attempted coup d'etat designed to overthrow the legal Vichy Government, it was reported today by the New York Times from Bern.

The report said that the coup d'etat was expected to take place on December 15 during the ceremonies connected with the translation of the ashes of the Duke of Reichstadt, who was the son of Napoleon Bonaparte, from Vienna to Paris.

Reports of the expected coup d'etat were discovered on December 13 during a night meeting of the Cabinet Council and Laval was immediately arrested, the New York Times-Domel.

Vichy Denies Report

Vichy, Dec. 16. An authorized spokesman today denied both Associated Press and New York Times rumours and declared that Laval's case involved internal relations which had absolutely nothing to do with a rumoured German attempt to move troops across France to help Italy in Libya. He declared that Germany had never asked for such permission and had never tried to force a passage. No German troops had passed through the unoccupied zone.

There was considerable difference between Laval's desire to increase his personal power within the existing Cabinet by promoting himself through the elimination of the "Vice" in his title and the New York Times suggestion that he intended the overthrow of the Government on Sunday, said the spokesman. There was no real evidence to support such a rumour, although it was known that Laval had attempted to widen his own powers without overthrowing Marshal Petain.—United Press.

FRENCH JUDGE SHOT

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Chinese gunmen today assassinated Judge Edouard d'Hooghe, French Consular Judge and legal adviser to the French Municipal Council.

Judge d'Hooghe was lighting from his car at his residence at 6.30 p.m. when two Chinese closed in on him and fired two shots each.

The Judge's chauffeur, who witnessed the shooting, immediately sounded the alarm but the gunmen escaped in the dusk down the maze of alleyways in the vicinity. A cordon was thrown round the area, however, and reinforced police parties continued the search well into the night.

Judge d'Hooghe was admitted to hospital with two bullet wounds in the abdomen, and died at 8 o'clock.

Police believe anti-Wang elements were responsible in view of the recent handing over of the Chinese courts in the French Concession to Nanking. Judge d'Hooghe presided over this court and also conducted the negotiations with the Wang Regime on behalf of the French authorities.

Judge d'Hooghe is the first important foreign target of anti-Nanking gunmen.—United Press.

SHANGHAI WAR GIFT

Shanghai, Dec. 16. With a last minute rush of contributions, the British Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been able again to remit £10,000 to London. This is the fourth successive month that such a sum has been sent in addition to the first remittance of £52,000 in August.—Reuter.

MEXICAN TRAIN SMASH

Mexico City, Dec. 16. About 25 people were killed and at least 40 injured when a repair train was derailed on a sharp curve near Iguala, capital of Guerrero State today. After leaving the track, the train crashed from a steep incline over a precipice.—Reuter.

Arms Transactions End Up In Court

A deal involving 100 aircraft machine guns valued at \$5109,685 was referred to at Central Magistracy yesterday when Henry Choa, 37, broker, appeared before Mr Lowry charged with having obtained from Wong Bor, of the Hong-kong Sporting Arms Company, \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences.

Mr W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution and Mr F. L. Zimarn for Choa.

Mr Mackinlay said Wong had known Choa casually for some years but had not had business dealings with him. Through Choa, he was introduced to Mr Lin, sub-manager of the purchasing department of the Central Trust of China and in June Lin asked him to quote for fire arms. He sent quotations on June 22 and 27 and on July 12 Choa told him the Central Trust wanted five per cent. commission on the contract, which amounted to \$5109,685. Wong handed him \$2,000 in notes for the express purpose of being paid to the Central Trust as part of the commission.

On July 15 the contract was signed, subject to confirmation by Chung-king, but the following day instructions were received from Chungking that owing to the closure of the Burma Road the contract would be suspended.

Evidence would be called, continued Mr Mackinlay, that Choa was informed of this and asked to convey the information to Wong. On July 19, Choa again asked for commission and \$12,500 was paid.

Contract Rescinded

In October Wong wrote to the Central Trust and was told that the contract had been formally rescinded. Choa was asked to get the money back, but after telling Wong he would do so was not seen for about 10 days.

Enquiries were made, disclosing that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Choa, who at first admitted retaining the money, but later denied it, saying the money had been paid over.

A letter was later received by

Wong from Choa to the effect that the money was paid as commission to him for the contract. That was the first intimation they had that the money was commission for Choa. A complete denial was made in a reply written by Deacons to Choa, and a formal demand for the return of the money made.

Evidence was then taken.

Cross-examination will be continued on Thursday.

AIR COMPANY MERGER

Following the merger of Imperial Airways and British Airways in April by the British Overseas Airways Corporation, an announcement was made that Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd would be absorbed at a later date. This has now taken place and the name Imperial Airways (Far East) Ltd will be replaced by British Overseas Airways Corporation.

There will be no alteration in the staff or premises of the Corporation in Hongkong, said Lt-Comdr A. D. S. Murray, Regional Director for the Far East.

The Airways Corporation was formally established in November, 1939, and the undertakings of both companies were acquired after many months of preparation.

Since the Government gave its approval for an Airways Corporation, Imperial Airways and British Airways have co-operated to strengthen the prestige of British Civil aviation and, but for the war, the formal merger of the companies would have been accomplished long ago.

STUDENTS' MESSAGE

Chinese Sympathy For English Schools

The Canton University English Club, of Kowloon, has sent a message to the President of the Board of Education through the Chinese Embassy in London to express their deep regret for the damage done to Eton College and schools in Birmingham by Nazi raiders. The message reads:

"We learned with profound shock the large-scale destruction of educational institutions in England by the Nazi air force. We, the students of China, are now fighting side by side with your students, because we both fight for a common ideal—justice and righteousness. In order to have a better understanding among students of the three great democratic countries, we propose the immediate formation of a Sino-British-American Students' Association for the promotion of goodwill with headquarters in Hongkong and branches in London, New York, and Chung-king."

"We sincerely request you to convey our proposition to the British University Students' Association for consideration. In the name of the Chinese students, we beg to express our deep sympathy and pledge our moral support."

SHIPS HIT AT NAPLES

Cairo, Dec. 16. The R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East issued a communique today stating that R.A.F. bombers scored five direct hits on a concentration of cruisers and destroyers at Naples on Saturday night.—United Press.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

An exposition of Chinese Calligraphy will be held under the joint auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture and the Sino-British Cultural Association, in the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday, December 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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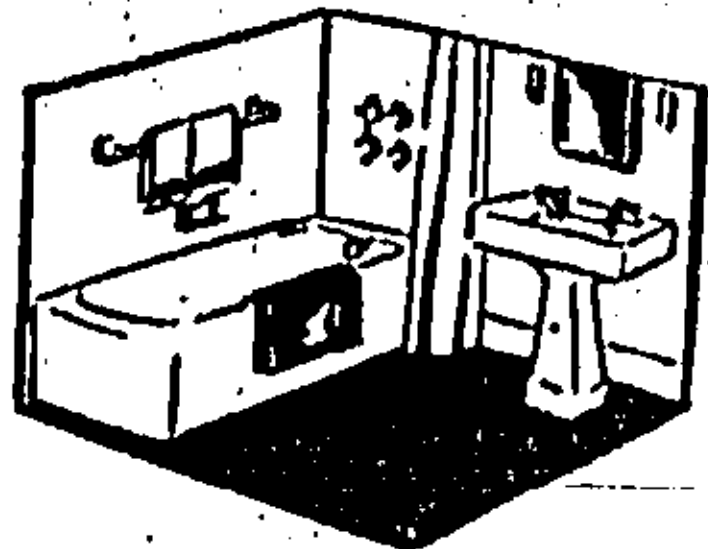
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Government Contractor Attacked

Attacked by three men on the stairway leading to his flat on the third floor of 27, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, in the early hours of yesterday morning, Mr. K. K. Lee, food contractor to the Government Refugee Camps in Kowloon, is confined to his bed with a deep stab wound in his back and is under medical care.

Mr. Lee said he returned from Hongkong at 1 a.m. on Sunday and was met at the ferry by his chauffeur, who drove him home and escorted him upstairs. The chauffeur led the way flashing a torch.

Between the first and second floors they met three well-dressed Chinese, wearing European clothes, coming down. One man had passed him when the second flashed a torch on Mr. Lee, who contractor asked, "Who are you looking for?"

Two men then made as if to attack Mr. Lee and seized him by his coat. He grappled with them and they both fell. The third man then whipped out a knife and stabbed him in the back.

Everything happened so quickly that the chauffeur could be of little assistance. The men then rushed down the stairs and escaped before help could be called.

Mr. Lee was unable to give a motive for the deed, except to state that he had money on him. He did not recognise the men, but from a fleeting glance of the man who stabbed him he remembers that he had a thin face, was rather tall and wore a dark grey or green suit. All three men had felt hats pulled well down over their faces.

Mrs. T. E. Wood Passes On

The death occurred at Queen Mary Hospital yesterday after a long illness of Mrs. Rose Amelia Wood, wife of Mechanist Sgt-Major T. E. Wood, of the Royal Army Service Corps.

Aged 40, Mrs. Wood came to Hongkong about three years ago. She leaves two daughters, Rosemary, aged 10, and Sylvia, aged five, who were evacuated to Manila in July but returned because of their mother's ill health.

The funeral will take place to-day, passing the Monument at 4.30 p.m.

Police Reserve Orders For Current Week

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, State:

Chinese Company
Sergeant—Constable Bill Lee Tuk-yan has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from December 7, 1940.

Training Course—Part II—Those detailed will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Sub-Inspector (H) Chan Chung-tung on Thursday, December 19, at 17.30 hours sharp.

Training Course—Part III—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for part III of Training Course under Police Sergeant R30 Thong To-hing, next evening except Thursday, December 19, at 17.15 hours sharp commencing from Monday, December 16.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY
Inspection Parade—All ranks of the "A" Company will parade at Central Police Station on Tuesday and Friday, December 17 and 20, at 17.15 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with White Cover, Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II—The under-mentioned members qualified in Part II of Training Course on Tuesday and Friday, December 17 and 20, 1940.
Constables: Izzat Mohamed Dawood, and R300 Payara Singh.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

Inspection Parade—All ranks of the Flying Squad will parade at Central Police Station on Friday, December 20, at 17.30 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with White Cover, Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Inspection Parade—All ranks of the "A" Company will parade at Central Police

Station on Monday, December 23, at 17.00 hours sharp for general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with White Cover, Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II—A lecture will be given at No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday, December 19, at 17.15 hours sharp by Inspector (H) J. A. Hendall.

An examination in Part II of Training Course will be held by the Principal, Police Training School at No. 2 Police Station on Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22, at 17.30 hours sharp. Members will be detailed on December 18 regarding their time to appear for the examination.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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VERDICT ON APPEASEMENT

London, Dec. 16.
In a recent Gallup survey the following question was asked:—"If someone in your presence suggested that it would have been a good idea to have negotiated peace with Germany would you (1) agree with him, (2) say nothing, (3) contradict him, or (4) report him to the authorities?"

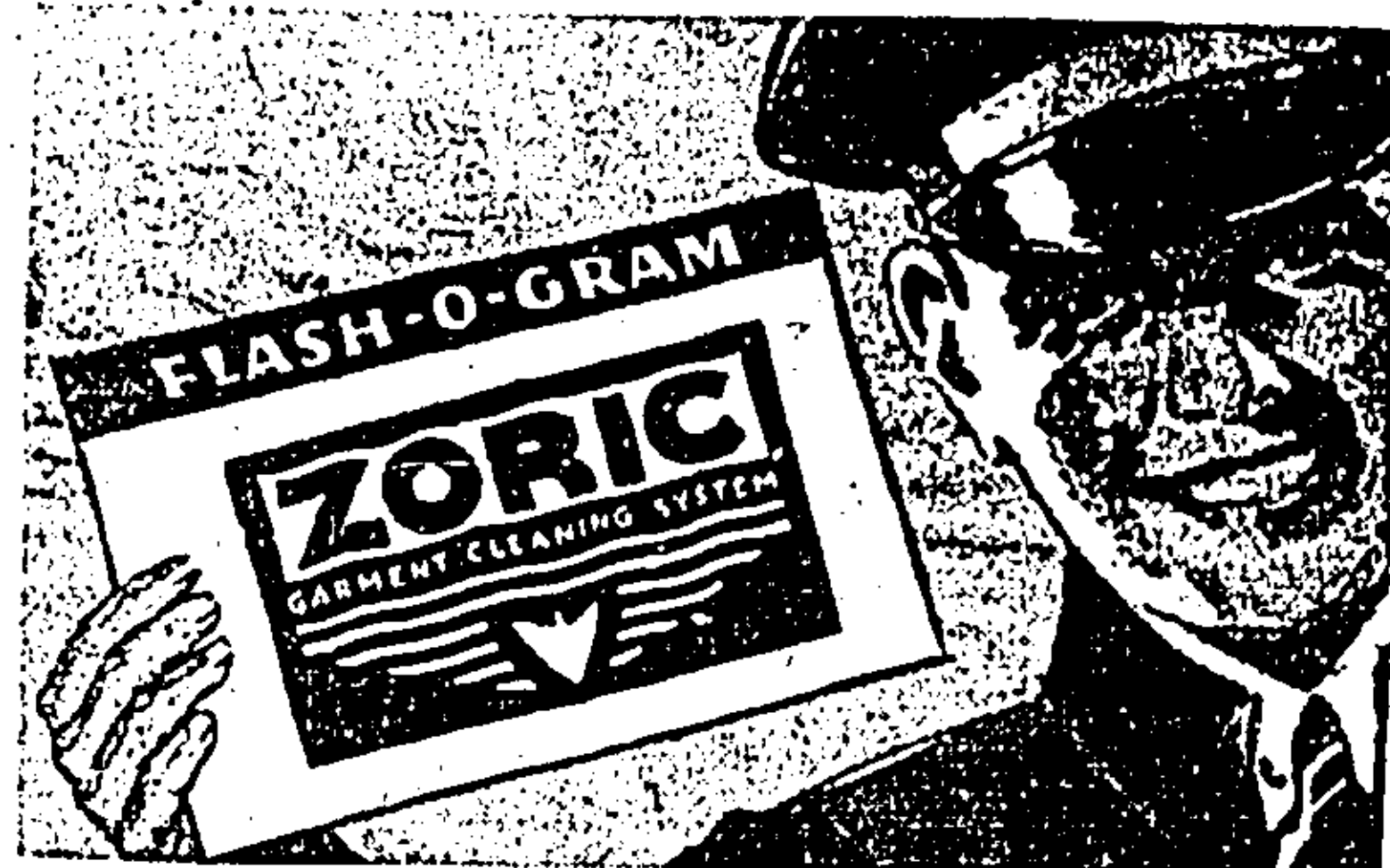
The answers showed that 7 per cent. would agree, 21 per cent. would say nothing, 59 per cent. would contradict the speaker, and 13 per cent. would report him to the authorities.—United Press.



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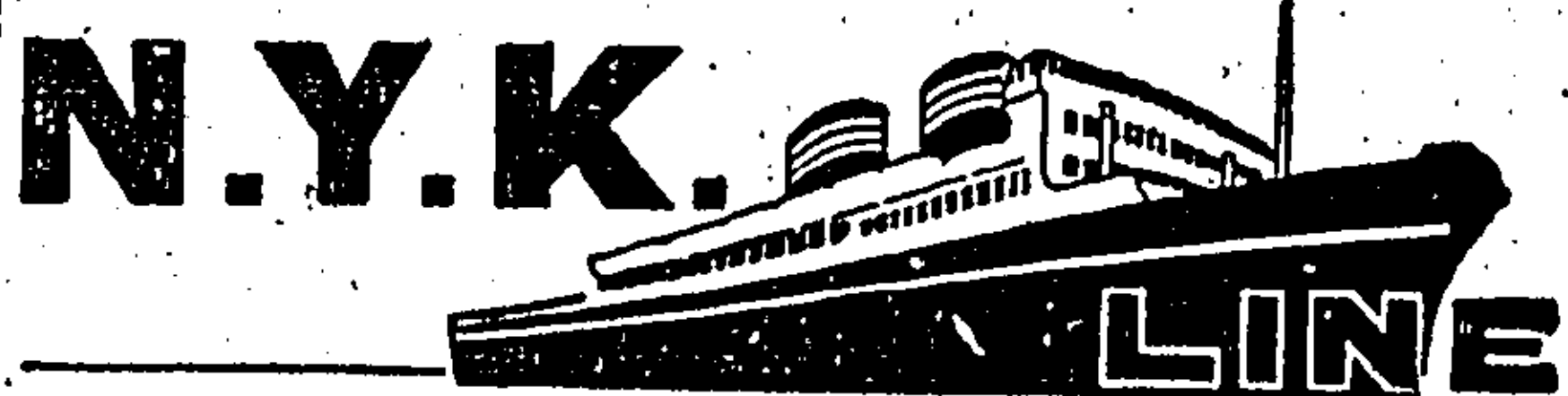
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U.K. WILL BID FOR U.S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The United States Maritime Commission has announced that 24 laid-up merchant ships will be offered for sale on January 7.

It is expected that a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some which are just under 8,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington which was formerly a German vessel.

The terms of the sale provide for the transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided that this is done within six months.

NEW FIRST LORD

FROM PAGE ONE

ping losses in the Atlantic and feels that Admiral Cunningham, with his successes in the Mediterranean, is the man to fill the bill.

The Vice-Admiral of Submarines, Admiral Sir Max Horton, and Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, hero of the battle of the River Plate, are mentioned as possible successors to Admiral Cunningham.

Postponed Soccer Match To-day

PLAYING their Third Division League soccer match postponed from Saturday, the Royal Air Force meet the 35th R.A. at Chatham Road this afternoon.

Judge Passes On

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Sir Philip MacDonnell, formerly Judge of the High Court in Northern Rhodesia, afterwards Chief Justice of Trinidad, and later Chief Justice of Ceylon, has died at Southport of bronchitis.

European "Y" To Meet Pay Corps At Billiards

European Y.M.C.A. will hold a Billiards Social this evening at 7.30. The programme will consist of a match of six-a-side of 100 points up against the Royal Army Corps. This will be followed by a novelty competition amongst members.

The Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Pay Corps will be selected from the following: C. T. Terran, R. Goldman, L. Sykes, C. T. Champelovier, C. Eager, J. G. Stokes, C. H. de Cozier and H. Kemp.

No Boxing Day Games

London, Dec. 16. Complying with the Government's request not to take work from their jobs for more than a day during the holidays, the Football Association has cancelled its Boxing Day programme.—Reuter.

University Gymnastics

The first annual gymnastic and drill display by members of the Hongkong University Union will be given at the Eu Tong-tsen Gymnasium on Saturday at 9 p.m.

Italians Try Coal Gas To Drive Aeroplanes

ROME, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as a driving power for aeroplanes.

The "Stefani" News Agency says that experiments are carried out at the aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda plane fitted with an 80-hp. motor was adapted for the use of coal gas and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.

AUSTRALIAN WAR LOAN

Sydney, Dec. 16. The £28,000,000 war loan launched at the end of November is certain to be fully subscribed, the Commonwealth Treasurer, Mr. A. S. Fadden, announced to-day.—Reuter.

Gifts to Britain

Are Advocated by Mrs. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Outright cash gifts to Britain rather than loans, were advocated by Mrs. Roosevelt at a press conference to-day.

Asked where such a gift would come from, she replied: "From Government" adding, "Ultimately they would come from the pockets of you and me."

"A certain number of people," she continued, "are under the impression that we are giving aid to England, but we must face the reality. We are being paid."

Preference To Loans

She added that gifts would be less likely to involve the United States in war than would loans. Sending supplies to Britain had been helpful to the United States in that it had helped to stimulate industry in the interests of the United States National Defence.

"We do not see that there must be a request to talk about loans. We should not make the mistakes we made the last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when asked if she meant that these loans were not repaid.

Assistance Sought

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—It has been confirmed by high officials that the British Government has asked the United States for financial assistance. They said that Sir Frederick Phillips, who is at present conferring with Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, had asked for aid but the type of loan or the amount is not known.

Repeat Act, Proposal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Representative Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, proposed to-day that the Neutrality Act be repealed in order to give more help to Britain. He said: "There is no use in fooling ourselves. It is necessary to repeal the Act in order to help Britain, it should be done."

He emphasized that he is strongly opposed to the use of United States warships as escorts for vessels in British convoys.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Industrial sections on the Stock Exchange were lacking, otherwise conditions were cheerful.

Gill-edged Indian loans, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek bonds registered fuller gains.

Oil continued in favour though a little profit taking occasionally returning from earlier advances.

Kaffirs, after early local support, finished a little irregular.

Home Industrials were generally quiet.

Wall Street was quietly irregular.

Belgium Feels Pinch Of Food Shortage

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—German soldiers in Brussels salute Belgian reserve officers returning from prison camps but do not salute Italian air force officers, according to the Free Belgian news agency.

The agency also reports that food shops in Belgium have closed owing to a shortage of supplies and it is believed that the local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released, their return is taking a long time.

BRITISH TAKE FORT CAPUZZO

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terday that British pressure on the Libyan frontier continues, says a "United Press" despatch.

"Reuter" report from London says that Marshal Graziani's troops are strongly entrenched in Sollum, which is just inside Egypt, and that British forces have encircled them, sweeping on across the Libyan frontier.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases, including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—"The greatest colonial battle in history" is how the Giornale d'Italia describes the military operations in North Africa.

Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declares: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means, the most powerful empire in the world believes that it can render aid to the Italian people of the Axis. The events of the next few days will prove that this is an erroneous calculation."

Replying to a question by an American journalist who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, the "Giornale d'Italia" declares: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post and will not withdraw."

Unforgettable Sight

(REUTER) WITH ARMY OF THE NILE

CAIRO, Dec. 16.—A vivid story of a trip of five days across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops was told me by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian Forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the offensive.

Captain Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the first war and made five trips to the South Pole with Shackleton and Mawson, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

A Sergeant Major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20, from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock.

Hurley described the Nibeiwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as a grave. Everybody had moved on except two British tommyes left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Dead Caked In Dust

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust. Hurley counted 38 Italian tanks—some smashed, others abandoned and damaged. Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

Near Nibeiwa, the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking.

Captain Hurley described the Italians as well-fed, clothed and shod, contrasting with the Libyans.

Rapid Advance

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the Italian camp of Tumma, just south of Sidi Barrani. Field guns were lying all over the place. Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Captain Hurley said: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle, but the imperial forces were moving at a rate of 50 miles a day. Then we heard the roar of naval guns bombarding Sidi Barrani."

LATE NEWS

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America's Defence Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (UP).—Congress authorised \$13,106,227,930.58 in commitments and direct appropriations for national defence during the current session, which set a peacetime spending record, according to an official tabulation of the House Appropriations Committee.

Chairman Edward T. Taylor said total commitments for all purposes amounted to \$23,185,740,635.15. Of this amount, \$16,920,027,477.15 was direct cash, \$4,066,191,860 in contract authorisations, and \$2,148,921,298 payable from trust fund receipts and not from general funds.

The defence appropriations were listed as follows: Army: Cash, \$5,813,008,748.24; Contract Authority, \$2,979,156,397; total \$8,792,165,145.24.

Navy: Cash, \$2,711,091,525.34; Contract Authority, \$825,445,612; total \$3,537,137,137.34.

Civil agencies (for defence): Cash, \$880,644,048; Contract Authority, \$187,300,000; total \$1,067,944,048.

In addition, Congress indirectly committed the government to another \$4,580,000,000, the estimated total cost of the two-ocean navy which the United States has started to build. This amount was not included in the figures since it represents an eventual sum which must be paid by subsequent Congresses if the programme is carried through.

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TEPELINI & HIMARA OCCUPIED BY GREEK TROOPS, SAYS REPORT

Special to the "Telegraph"
STRUGA, Dec. 16 (UP).—REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER SAY THAT ADVANCE UNITS OF THE GREEK ARMY ENTERED TEPELINI AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET, AT 10 A.M. TO-DAY AND OCCUPIED SOME OF THE STREETS IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE TOWN.

BRITISH TAKE FORT CAPUZZO

Sweeping Advance Continues

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Eight days after the start of the British offensive in the Western Desert, the Italians have been driven from their last stronghold in Egypt and their strongly-fortified Fort Capuzzo, some miles inside the Libyan frontier, has been captured by British Imperial forces.

New First Lord Of Admiralty Possible

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 16 (UP).—British naval experts believe that Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, K.C.B., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, will shortly replace Admiral Sir Dudley Pound as First Lord of the Admiralty, in order to combat the U-boat menace in the Atlantic.

It is felt that Admiral Pound, who has been in office for the past 18 months, should be relieved of the strain.



Admiral Cunningham

It is noteworthy that when Admiral Sir Dudley Pound was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty, he was succeeded as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet by Admiral Cunningham.

Submarine Menace

It is reported that the Cabinet is gravely concerned over the U-boat menace in the Atlantic.

Pearl River Concession

More Passengers: Less Delay

A considerable modification on restrictions imposed on river traffic between Hongkong and Canton has been made by the Canton Authorities according to the O.S.K. this morning. The number of passengers allowed on each steamer has been increased from 100 to 300, while the quarantine period in Canton has been reduced from four days to 24 hours. The O.S.K. Sirogane Maru is expected to arrive to-day, and expects to leave with a full complement of 300 passengers to-morrow.

No official notification has yet been received by Butterfield and Swire, the agents for the Fatshan, and sailing has been fixed for the morning.

Official Story Tells Of Raid On Naples

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (UP).—The success of the British bombing attacks on Italian naval concentrations in Naples harbour last night has been revealed by an official R.A.F. Communiqué.

The communiqué declares that "bombs burst on the jetty to which two battleships were moored, causing fires which burned for a considerable time. One of our aircraft dropped its entire load of bombs close to a battleship."

It was added that Naples was very heavily and successfully raided. "Railway junctions were attacked, resulting in three large explosions, followed by big fires. All of our aircraft returned safely."

The R.A.F. continued attacking enemy landing grounds and aerodromes in the Western Desert. During the night of December 14-15, 15-16, raids were carried out on

Another column is reported to have occupied the coastal town of Himara early to-day on the road towards Valona after fierce fighting, including hand-to-hand exchanges.

TEPELINI WHOLLY OCCUPIED

STRUGA, Dec. 16 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports from the frontier to-day say the Greeks occupied the entire town of Tepelini at 4 p.m. to-day, with the Italians retreating to the northward into the Trebesina mountains.

Initiative Maintained

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Dec. 16 (UP).—The Greek Radio, quoting press despatches, said that the Greeks took two heights and captured a number of Italian prisoners on the fighting fronts to-day. The initiative of the Greeks continues on all sectors despite the heavy weather. In the highlands, the snow is three feet deep.

Violent fighting continues at Himara and in the Tepelini sector, with the Greeks maintaining their TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Mr McNutt And London Envoyship

May Succeed Kennedy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—The presence of Mr Paul McNutt at the funeral of Lord Lothian stimulated rumours that he might succeed Mr Joseph Kennedy as Ambassador to Britain, but Mr McNutt himself said he did not desire such a post.

Mr McNutt was the sole ranking United States official to attend the services with the exception of the Protocol Representative of the State Department, but Mr McNutt explained that he was a close friend of Lord Lothian and had spent last Saturday evening with him.

Some usually creditable sources said that the ex-High Commissioner to the Philippines was a real candidate for the Ambassadorship. His friends, however, pointed out that he is not financially able to handle the social obligations of such an Ambassadorship, which usually requires individual wealth and fortune to maintain America's prestige.

R.A.F. Bomb Vital Points In Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Railway communications, munition factories and power plants were attacked by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on Sunday night and in the early hours of this morning, says the Air Ministry.

The Story Behind M. Laval's Dismissal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 16 (UP).—The Nazi Ambassador, Otto Abetz, with a military escort arrived here to-day on the first visit of any German in authority to Vichy in an effort to obtain first hand information of the extent of the Cabinet shake-up.

It is likely that he may speed up the re-establishment of Marshal Petain's seat at Versailles. Shortly after his arrival, Herr Abetz made contact with M. Flaminio in the latter's bedroom where he is confined through illness. He will leave Vichy on Tuesday afternoon.

Why Laval Went

GENEVA, Dec. 16 (UP).—It is reported here that Marshal Petain's refusal to collaborate with Italy was the principal cause of M. Laval's removal from the Cabinet.

M. Laval's efforts to bring France and Italy closer together also suffered TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Communist Agitation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SCOTLAND YARD DISCOVERY
LONDON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Detectives from a special branch of Scotland Yard to-day discovered preparations for a large scale Communist campaign to take advantage of the war situation, and cause discontent amongst workers.

It is stated that agents were posted in air raid shelters to spread subversive propaganda. Many had secured appointments as air raid shelter marshals.

It was discovered that hundreds of leaflets attacking the Government were being distributed by Communist agents in the big air raid shelters throughout London. The recent number of trade disputes were traced directly to Communist agitation.

The first of our bombers reached Berlin just before 9 p.m. Despite the cloud, some of the pilots in the early raids found what they were seeking immediately while others had to make their way to alternative targets. Nevertheless our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.

3 A.M. Attack

The next series of raids began at 3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour. The weather was then much better and visibility excellent.

Power stations, railway junctions and goods yards were now the chief objectives. A stick of heavy high explosive bombs fell right in the centre of a railway junction and immediately started fires which were still increasing as our aircraft left.

At another junction, where some of the heaviest bombs were dropped, there were bursts all along the siding. A great cloud of black smoke rose high in the air while debris was flung even higher by the explosion of the bombs.

Two large fires were started at one power station.

A smaller force of bombers attacked the west harbour at Frankfurt, where there is a great collection of warehouses, factories, grain elevators and oil plants, for well over two hours.

The free port of Bremen was also attacked.

Berlin Admits Damage
BERLIN, Dec. 16 (UP).—The High Command to-day reports that one TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Last Night's Air Raids

Bombs On London Area

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 16 (UP).—A lone raider dropped bombs on the London area to-night shortly before the first alarm. The plane was clearly audible above the anti-aircraft guns.

Raiders dropped incendiary bombs followed by high explosives on an east Midland town, but none was dropped in the Liverpool area. Most of the provincial areas were free of the London area.

German raiders were over a north-west town for about an hour where they met heavy bursts of anti-aircraft fire. Bombs hit a cinema in the working class district, causing a few casualties, some of which were fatal.

All was quiet in London area early on Tuesday morning. There was a very brief night alarm, lasting only a few minutes, during which nothing was heard. At 10 p.m. the second night alarm was sounded in the London area.

U.S. Fleet To Remain Based At Hawaii

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the United States naval High Command has reviewed the naval situation in the Pacific and has definitely decided to recommend the retention of the fleet in Hawaii, posted equally for movement eastward or westward.

The naval chiefs adopted the position that the fleet must remain within sailing distance of both the Caribbean and the Far East, and it was considered that this could best be achieved by remaining at Hawaii.

No Move To Far East

Proposals for the dispatch of the fleet to the Far East, west coast base, and the Caribbean have tentatively been rejected, pending diplomatic developments.

It is emphasized that the navy's view has not yet been reviewed in the light of the Chief Executive's international, naval and diplomatic objectives.

The opinion is prevalent that the fleet must remain within access of the Atlantic should developments there take an unfavourable turn.

Meanwhile navy officials are now adverse to some strengthening of the Asiatic fleet. The naval strategy behind this viewpoint is that an air force plus a submarine force based at Manila could make a supply route between Japan and the East Indies extremely uncertain should any open conflict develop.

On the other hand, diplomatic circles believe that the policy of the United States in the Far East for the time being is merely a moral attitude which will refrain from overt acts unless Japan makes the first move.

Peiping's Snowstorms

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central News).—Peiping has been in the grip of a cold snap accompanied by blinding snowfalls since yesterday morning. The mercury has dropped four degrees below freezing point.

LATEST

Bangkok Issues New Warning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Dec. 17 (UP).—An official communiqué issued to-day says that Sunday's bombing of Nakornpanom and Mukdahan is regarded as a reply to Bangkok's peace appeal issued on Saturday.

It is therefore expected that Thailand will very soon engage in repatriation.

The communiqué claimed that the French had carried out mass burnings of villages on the east shore of Lake Mekong because they were suspicious of the loyalty of the villagers. It is claimed that the French are doing their utmost to suppress the independence movement through their agents, including the mass drowning of Chinese natives.

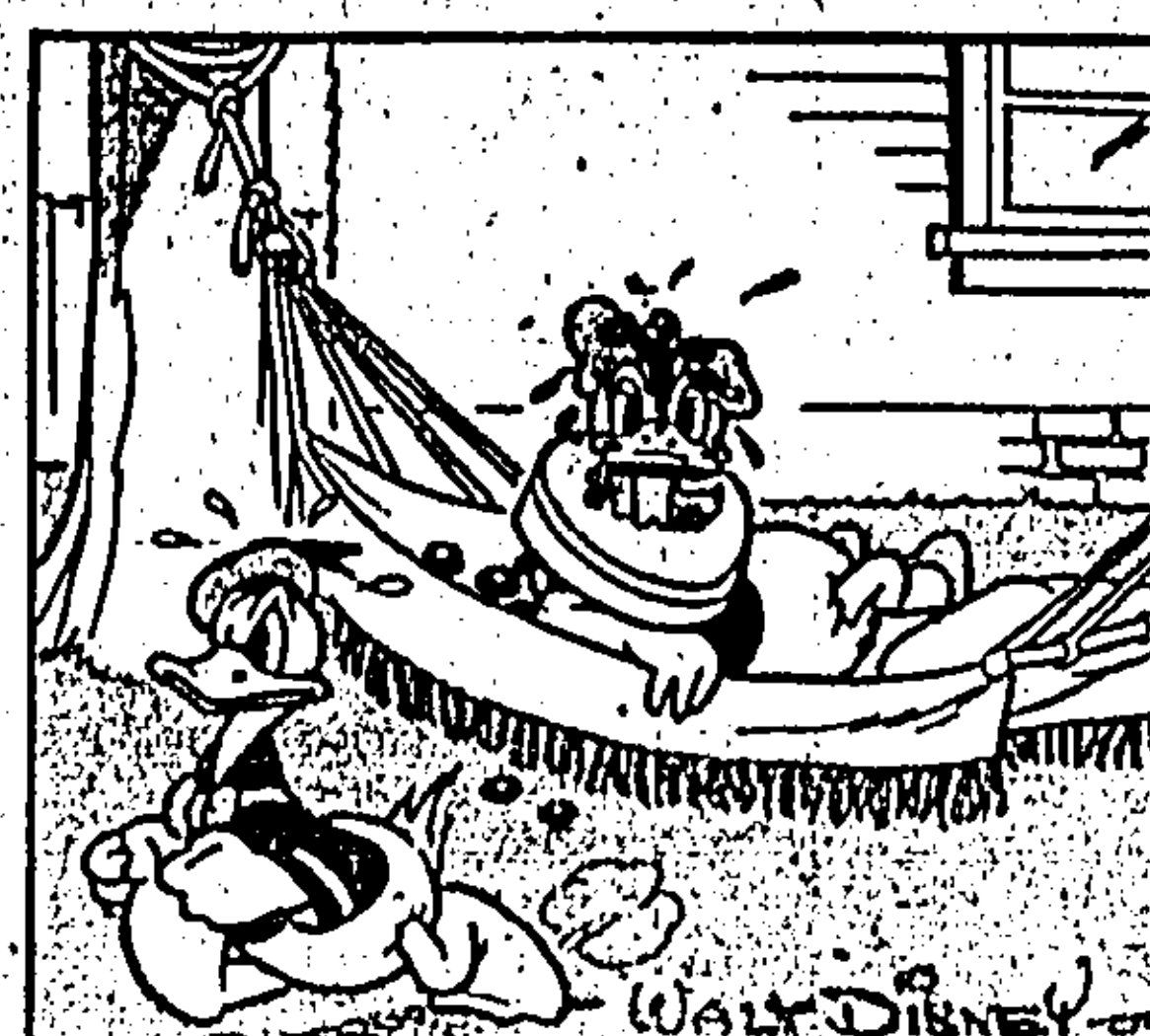
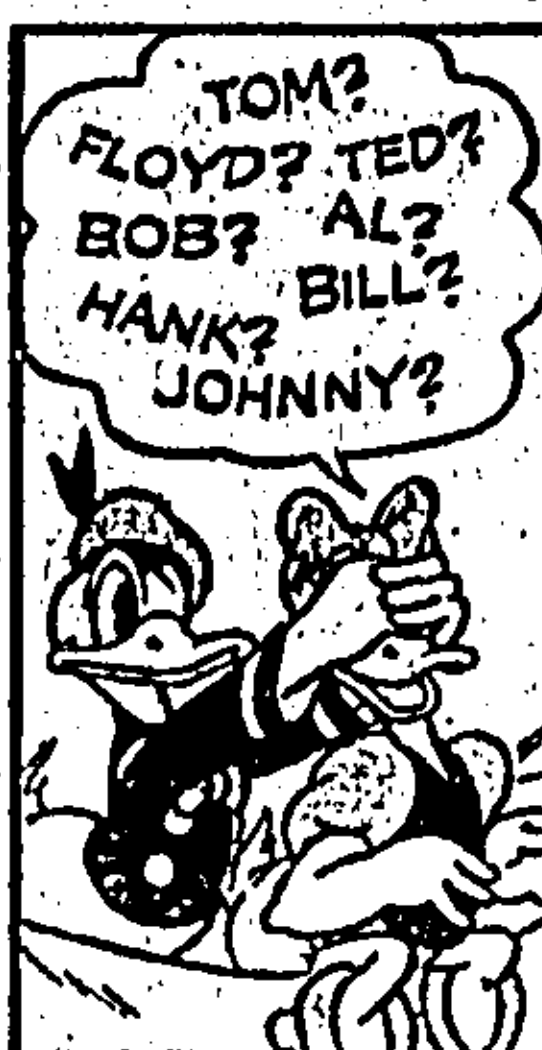
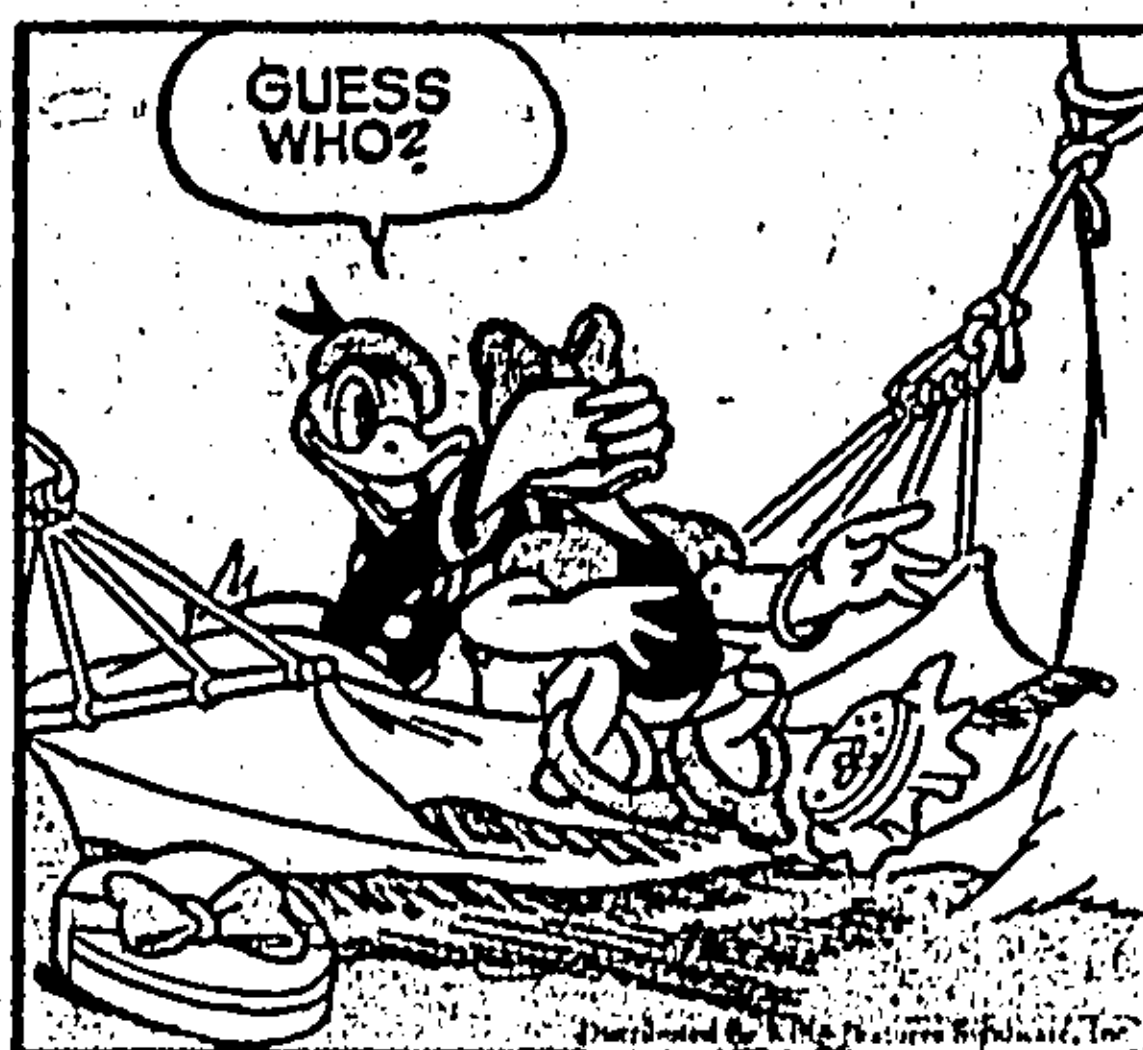
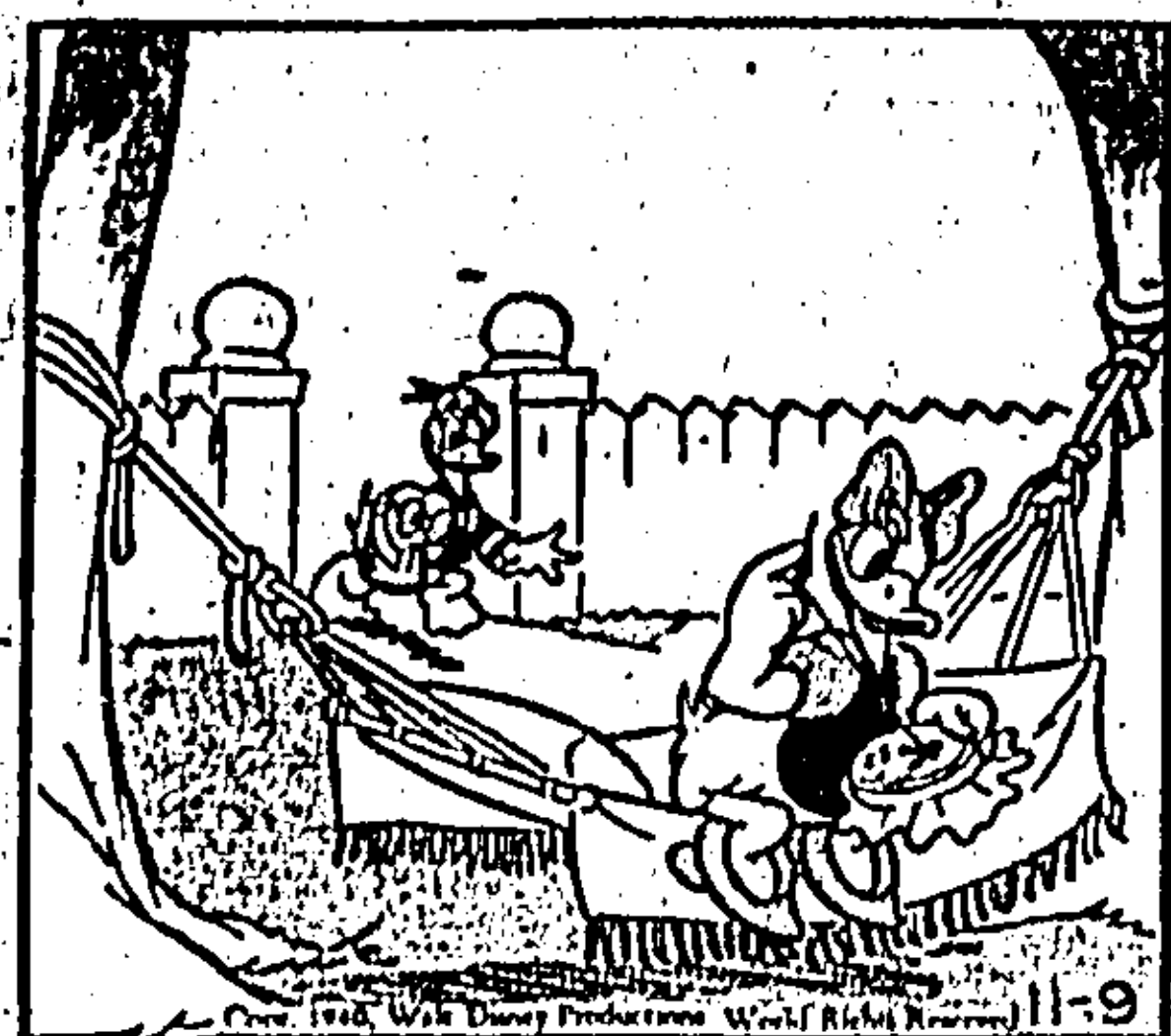
Louis Retains His Title

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BOSTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Joe Louis retained his heavyweight title of the world to-night when he beat Al McCoy, the Canadian heavyweight champion, on a technical K.O. in the sixth round.

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Further Late News

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Dearest Mother

The letter of an R.A.F. hero

Dearest Mother,—
THOUGH I fell no premonition at all, events are removing rapidly, and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake.

You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance.

Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled light-house relief ship.

Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability.

No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country; and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future.

My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It

means that your sacrifice is as great as mine.

HISTORY resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilisation has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else.

But this is not only concerning our own land.

To-day we are faced with the greatest organised challenge to Christianity and civilisation that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale.

For this I have to thank you.

Yet there is more work for you to do.

The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance

to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old.

However long that time may be, one thing can never be altered—I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot, nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation. . . . I would have it no other way.

I FIRMLY and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because He knows what is good for us.

The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed.

Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only—that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

Your loving Son

This letter was found among the belongings of a young pilot after he had been reported "Missing — believed killed."

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Those seats were fine last night, but to-night we came to see the picture!"

DEATH for listening-in to Britain;
TEN YEARS' jail for selling food without accepting ration coupons;
THREE YEARS' jail for talking to a Pole;
SIX MONTHS' jail for stealing a soap ration card.

This is Nazi Justice

ROSA BERGER, an attractive woman of 30, stood in the dock of a Nazi court.

For two weeks she had been under arrest. Now she faced the judges.

Her crime? She stole a ration card for soap. She hadn't one of her own.

"But I haven't used the card," she pleaded.

The plea was ignored. She was led away to serve six months' imprisonment.

Bruno Heller is also 30. He had no clothes—only rags. And it was very cold.

So he stole a clothes ration card. "I have no clothes except the rags I am standing in," he told the court.

Twelve months' imprisonment. These two cases, reported recently in the German Press, reveal the harsh and brutal way justice is being administered by the Nazis.

LET me go over a number of court reports I have clipped from recent issues of German newspapers.

Here, for instance, is the case of an unnamed woman who appeared in court with her hair hacked off in the crudest style.

The clerk explained to the judge that she had been caught in the company of a Polish prisoner of war. She was at once arrested, and the case was reported to the local Gauleiter.

He himself punished the woman by cutting off her hair before handing her over to the court.

Three years' imprisonment was the additional punishment.

BUT food rationing offences occupy most of the time of the courts.

There was Frau Krause, owner of a Berlin restaurant. Even after

the introduction of the severe rationing system she sold meat and butter to her customers without receiving ration coupons.

Frau Krause pleaded that she had made no profit from the sales. She just wanted to please her customers.

The court acknowledged this as a laudable aim, and so she was sentenced to only ten years' hard labour, although the court was empowered to pass sentence of death for the offence.

Next I read of the man who threw salt on the icy pavement outside his house because his son had slipped and hurt his ankle. He was accused of waste.

Three weeks in jail. Recently I have counted reports in the German Press of 82 convictions for listening-in to British and French broadcasts.

Only one case was reported fully. Georg Kaiser, an inn-keeper from Mannheim, had not only listened to the British broadcasts, but allowed his guests to join him in his crime.

Kaiser was sentenced to death. His wife, who had not informed the authorities of her husband's "treachery," was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

IN the conquered Polish territories, special Nazi courts deal with hundreds of women daily. Here is a typical case reported from Bromberg.

Sophie Lenkowska, the indictment said, put on the uniform of a Polish officer and took part in the fighting alongside her countrymen. She helped, carry off Polish Germans who were to be executed. Her participation in the "Polish atrocities" was "proved" by reliable witnesses. Without hearing her defence, the court sentenced Sophie to death.

Will Frischauer

HITLER LOOKS SOUTH TO THE CONGO

WHEN that naughty old tyrant King Leopold II took over the Congo Free State as his own personal property, few people, least of all himself even in his most optimistic moments, visualised it as the nest-egg it has since proved.

It was more luck than anything else, almost by a pin-sticking method, that the Royal route got hold of this bit of Africa.

Everybody else seemed to be taking large slices of Africa.

Almost avidly King Leopold read and re-read details of every exploration, studied and re-studied every map. Livingstone, Speke, Burton, and Stanley were magical names. From south to north, east to west, his eye wandered.

Eventually, in 1876, on the pretext of suppressing slavery in those parts, Leopold took charge of this big, central, apple-shaped part of Africa, now the Belgian Congo.

FOR the best part of his life, up to 1908, he squeezed a large income from this piece of property, the greater part

of 900,000 square miles. The means by which this income was derived have since proved infinitesimal (to put it mildly), and mainly because things were getting a little out of hand, and he was growing old and tired anyway, he handed it over to his country in 1908.

The period before 1914, under King Albert, saw vast improvements.

Railways, docks, river transport, roads, mines, agriculture were all taken in hand. There are now 3,000 miles of railway, 27,000 miles of road, thousands of miles of navigable river.

Soon the export of rubber—once the Congo's main export—was eclipsed by gold, copper, palm oil, cotton, coffee, diamonds, copal.

By 1934 the value of the gold was 200 times bigger than that of the rubber crop.

Additionally, coconuts, maize, livestock, radium, coal, sugar, fruit, wood, rice, tin are all produced in this part of Central Africa.

Altogether, more than 6,000 industrial establishments were operating up till recently, though Belgium could count only 15 whites for every 10,000 natives.

Before the war the Belgians planned to make it a grand tourists' paradise—a quick, cheap holiday for Europeans by plane.

Disease statistics have fallen rapidly during the last ten years. On an average, there are only a dozen cases yearly of plague, the tsetse fly menace has decreased similarly, dysentery deaths are few and far between, and malaria is well under control.

THERE are still plagues, despite all this Western civilization, and cannibals are common.

Some of the Congo cannibals believe that if they eat the bodies of the dead their spirits will thus be prevented from troubling the community.

The plagues are partial to dead elephants. When one was reported, the clerk explained to the judge that she had been caught in the company of a Polish prisoner of war. She was at once arrested, and the case was reported to the local Gauleiter.

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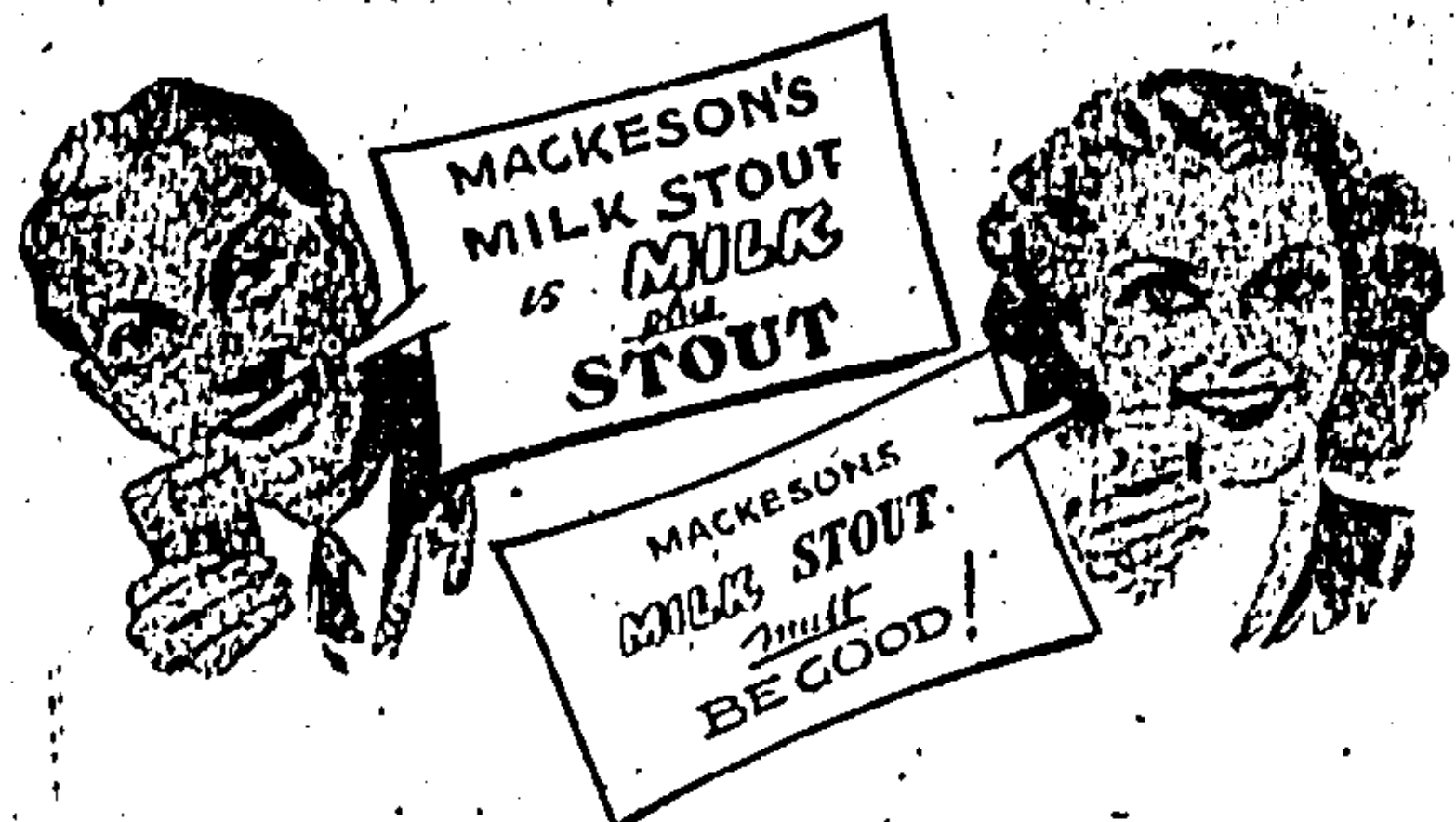
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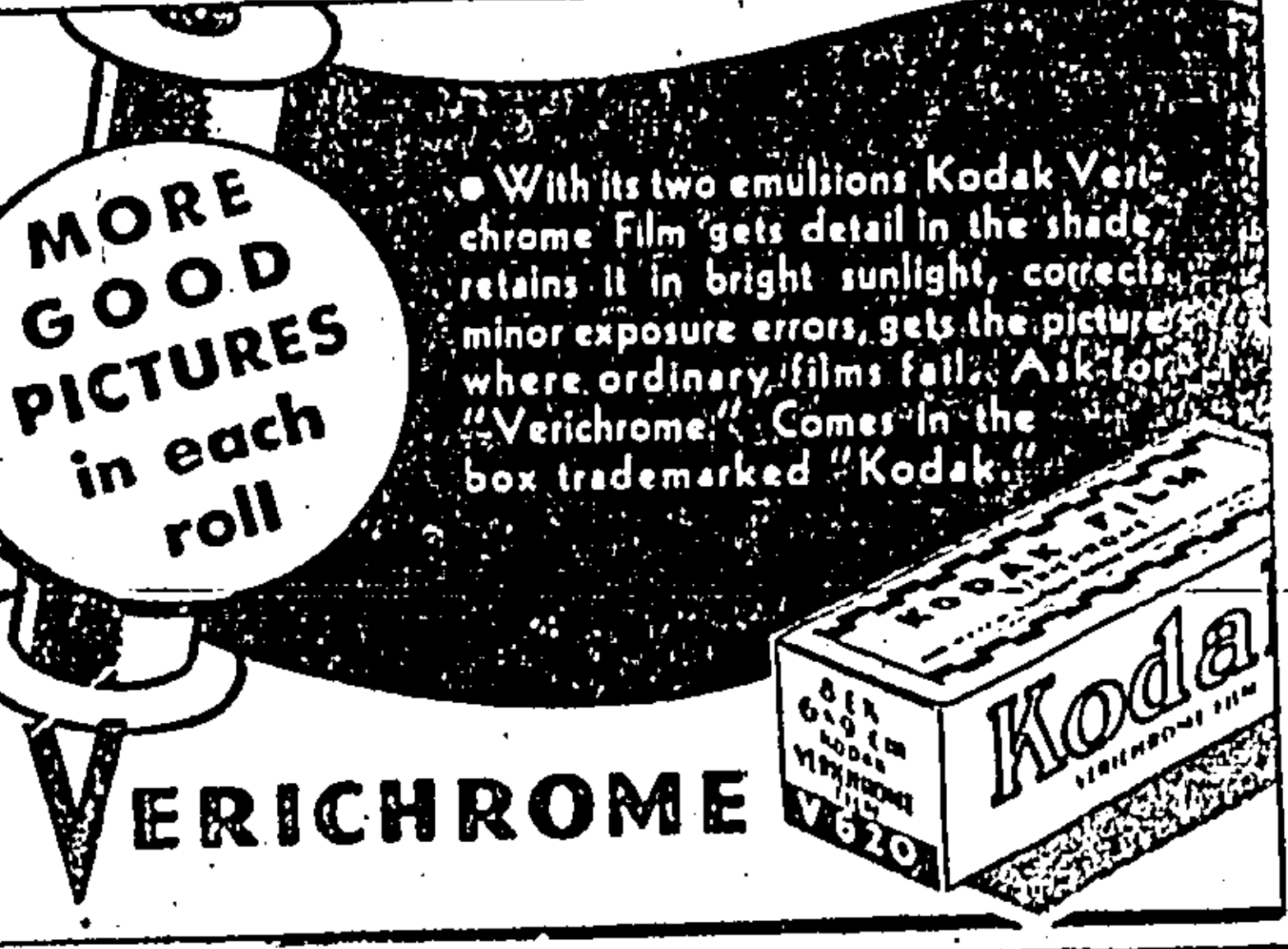
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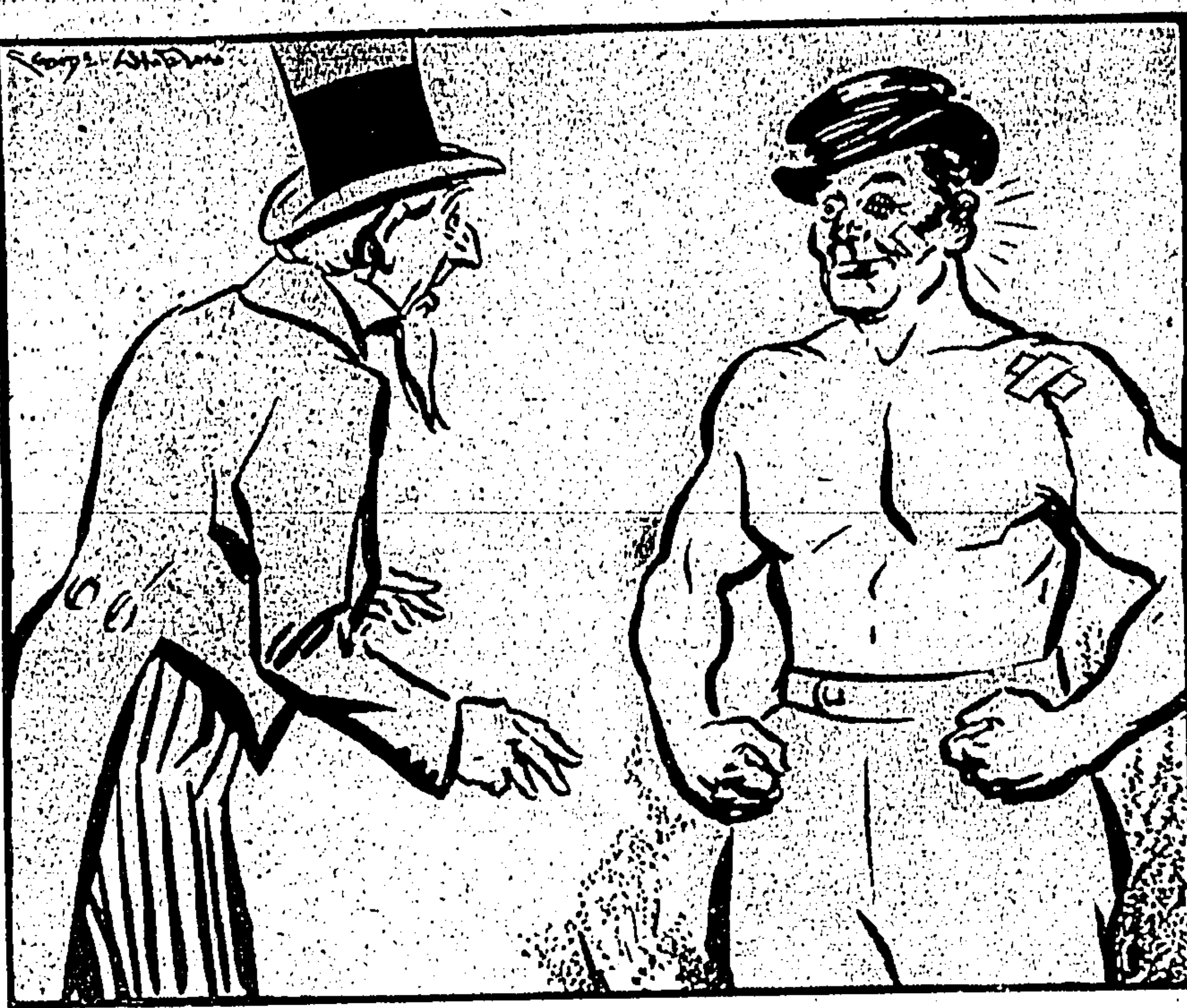
IF we are relying upon organised Christianity in Germany to rally to our banner of spiritual liberation when Hitler begins to fall, we may be sadly disappointed. So says the writer of a letter who can recall the time when Germany led the world in theological study.

Up till the latter part of last century it was customary for British divinity students to take a year in the theological schools of Germany. That has gone. With a few exceptions in Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches there is an almost total bankruptcy in spiritual leadership.

The decay of religious belief in Germany was coincident with the rise of its military power. A British newspaper correspondent, resident in Germany when Bismarck was nearing the peak of his glory, wrote that the vast majority of the Protestant middle classes, and even a large portion of the lower strata of society, were estranged from the religion of their ancestors, and took no interest in the Church or the religious lessons thrust upon the schools by Church and Government combined. Scholars had begun to denigrate Christianity as an Asiatic religion (as the Nazis do to-day), and the public, proud of their vaunted European enlightenment accepted the degrading name.

The rabble of the large cities had become uncommonly coarse, unscrupulous, and blackguardly. Already things had gone so far that men who have had a University education scarcely dared to go to church lest they should be taken for hypocrites or sentimental enthusiasts.

Nazi ostracism of the Christian religion is even more pronounced. Christianity, with its guiding principles of love, tolerance and kindness, are reviled and caricatured. Under the guidance of Alfred Rosenberg, sensual, lustful paganism, with its appeal only to the physical is fast becoming the religious dogma of Nazi Germany. Hitler has never attempted to hide his contempt for Christian teaching, and has encouraged to the full the efforts of his satellites engaged in religious persecution. In Hitler's case, his violent opposition to Christianity is based largely on fear—fear that the spread of Christian principles within Germany will bring enlightenment to the German people, militant to destroy him and his infamous system.



"YES BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE OTHER FELLOW!"

AS BRITAIN STANDS UP TO THE BLITZKRIEG...

BEATEN EUROPE STIRS

By W. H. EWER

FROM all across the Europe that lies under the Swastika reports come by underground and roundabout routes of a new stirring.

It is not revolt; but it may be the forerunner of revolt the moment that there is anything like a chance.

Back in July, in early August even, there was little enough hope left in any of these peoples.

They were just waiting for Britain to collapse. And that would be the end of freedom in Europe.

All the Nazi propaganda—and any other news was hard and dangerous to come by—told them it was all over bar-shooting.

The Luftwaffe had already mastered the R.A.F. The British Fleet had lost all control of the sea. Britain was cowering under German bombs. Resistance was collapsing.

Nazi Boastings Of A Dictated Peace

All was set for invasion; Hitler would dictate peace in London within a week or two.

Goebbels set a bad job for his master when he spread that story from the Seine to the Vistula.

So hard did he plug the theme that he got it believed.

And then came the reaction. If all that Goebbels had said was true, then things should have happened.

The Nazi victory parade should have been marching down Whitehall.

Instead, there came into Poland, into Czechoslovakia, into Northern France, migrants from the Ruhr and the Rhineland, sent away out of reach of the R.A.F.

In spite of rules and regulations and orders, they talked.

But they had no need to. The fact of their coming told the story.

And no propaganda could counter it. If the R.A.F. was steadily bombing the Ruhr and Rhineland, then Goebbels had not anything like won this mastery of the air.

The R.A.F. was not a beaten force. Britain was not a beaten country.

All that Goebbels had been saying for a couple of months was moonshine.

That trek from the Ruhr was a turning point. As the news of it spread, there came with it a new hope and a new courage.

Then came the Nazis' change of tune. They began to complain of the brutality of the R.A.F. to protect against British "aggression."

Hope rose a lot more. If the British were being aggressive, then they certainly were nothing like beaten.

That is why, during the past few weeks, there have come, through this channel and that, news of a cheering kind about the occupied areas.

Acts of sabotage are much on the mind.

increase, especially in Belgium and in Czechoslovakia.

Some have been so serious that the Germans have had to admit them and to threaten new terror if they do not cease.

Most of them have been less dramatic. But they are persistent and they are increasing.

Non-co-operation—refusal to play the Quisling—is turning into passive resistance. A much more difficult thing for a harassed occupying Power to cope with.

Passive resistance cannot turn to active resistance yet.

Invincibility Legend Has Gone

The grip of the German garrisons and of the Gestapo is too strong for that to be possible.

But quite certainly passive resistance is on the increase everywhere, because there is a revival of hope everywhere.

The legend of German invincibility has gone. Better is growing that Britain, at any rate a sporting chance of victory.

As in the occupied countries, so among the neutrals.

German prestige is still tremendous. And every Government whose frontiers can be reached by land from the Reich is going to walk very warily and give no cause for offence in Berlin.

But for all that, none of them—neither the Russians, nor the Balkan States, nor the Spaniards, nor the Swedes, nor the Swiss—are anything like so sure to-day that the Germans are winning hands down.

They are not as yet anything like convinced that we are winning. But statesmen who two months ago would have calculated the odds as maybe 20 to 1 on Germany, would probably calculate to-day that it is something like even.

Europe is Beginning To Doubt

No neutral government in Europe, let me repeat, is going to do anything "fuzzy." From Madrid to Moscow, the policy is one of appeasing Hitler.

But it is one of negative appeasement rather than of active co-operation.

Even in the countries most under German influence there is more opposition to it than there was.

Even in Rumania, the moment Hitler's man becomes dictator, he meets with vehement popular resistance.

It all shifts and changes as the sway of battle shifts and changes. To-day Hitler still "beasties" Europe like a Colossus. He still boasts that he is going to impose a "new order" on the whole Continent.

But Europe, occupied and unoccupied, is beginning again to wonder whether the feet are not of clay whether the new order that must come will be moulded by Hitler or by free peoples.

It looks to us these days with a new hope and a growing faith.

British Commonwealth Alliance

It is often said and written that the British Empire now fights alone. In a sense this is true, even though there are still with us the sturdy remnants of the fighting forces of five foreign allies. Only the British Commonwealth of Nations remains intact, unconquered, fighting on all fronts, able to strike the way to victory.

Yet one does not say of a football team that it plays alone. The British Commonwealth is itself an alliance. In its fighting ranks are five fully self-governing nations, each of which chose to fight, and chooses to go on fighting, for its own reasons—its own security, its own ideals, its own freedom.

Among these five are nations in Europe, in America, in Africa and in the South Pacific. What better proof could there be that the Allied cause is a world-wide cause: Canada is in the war for North American reasons, the Union for African reasons, Australia and New Zealand for Pacific reasons, yet all for the same reason; that the good life as free men know it is in danger, and that for the goal of a progressive human brotherhood the Nazis would substitute an iron domination in the interests of their own elect.

Great Brotherhood

Of the not yet fully self-governing peoples of the British Commonwealth we may say the same. If in law they are bound to the war of the whole Commonwealth, in spirit they are free to cheer or reject it. By every act and utterance they have shown that they, too, are eager allies. Hitler faces, not a little island only, nor yet an island with a few poor and distant friends, but a great group of nations and peoples, vast in numbers and power, fighting for a common cause.

It is not enough, however, to be united in spirit. Without more practical forms of union for the conduct of the war, such a wide alliance may have dangerous weaknesses. If there were no unity of command in major fighting operations, how fatal might be the confusion, the lack of common purpose or proper co-ordination of forces and campaigns.

Such military unity of command requires, in the last resort, joint political institutions at the top to take decisions binding on the military forces. The totalitarian nature of modern war underlines this need. Perhaps the fundamental flaw in the Anglo-French alliance was that it provided no political unity to match and govern the unity of military command. The offer of federal union between Britain and France came too late to remedy this flaw.

Must Work As One

Within the British Commonwealth no such drastic remedy as federal union is needed. But it is an issue for constant vigilance, whether the means of political unity and common decision between governments are adequate to the needs of unity in action to defeat the enemy. This war has not yet thrown up any organ comparable to the Imperial War Cabinet.

There are other possibilities of defect in Commonwealth unity for war which need constant watching. It would obviously be disastrous, for instance, if the several Dominions and the United Kingdom competed with each other for supplies of munitions or raw materials from the United States or other foreign countries. An Anglo-French purchasing commission was deemed a necessity: an all-Commonwealth purchasing commission seems no less desirable.

In all these facets of modern war, it is not enough to have unity of purpose. There must also be unity of decision leading to concerted action.

By ROBERT POWER....

All for Each

IT was a village custom of old Japan, when a person fell ill, for a man to run from house to house announcing the news, and calling upon all the villagers to make a thousand visits to the Shinto temple.

A tall order, one may think, but apparently it served if a hundred people were good enough to pay ten visits each to the temple and there offer up their invocations on behalf of the afflicted neighbour.

We smile, sceptically, at the idea.

And yet, I feel that we ought not to be too confident that we are right.

We do not perform rites of this kind in the West—not nowadays at least. I suppose we would say that we were too civilised to entertain any belief in them. Nevertheless, as symbols of a great underlying truth they are not to be scorned.

That truth is the reality of human kinship, and if it is more

apparent to primitive people than it is to us, then in the process of our development we have lost on the roundabouts something we have not gained on the swings.

All men are kin, and those who live close to each other are spiritually something more—they are close relations. Their community forms a unit, of which they should be much more conscious than they are.

The health or sickness of every member of that community should be of vital concern to the rest. In a time of illness they should, in a spiritual sense of course, make their thousand journeys to the temple, or if that metaphor be rejected, let us say that spiritually they should gather round the bedside to help in the patient's cure.

In other words, it should matter—and matter tremendously—to the community that its members be happy and whole.

The knowledge that it matters could not but affect the well-being of the afflicted; it must uplift and sustain them in their trial.

'PHONE PLEAS FOR BRITAIN

Remarkable Drive in America

In a remarkable drive to mobilise support for the campaign to help Britain, volunteer workers for the William Allen White Committee to defend America by aiding the Allies will ring up every private telephone number in New York City.

Business numbers will be omitted, but in New York's five boroughs there are 735,488 residential telephone numbers, which, it is pointed out, is more than all the business and home telephones in Norway, Finland, Eire, Greece, Portugal, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Lithuania combined.

In each case the caller will speak to the woman of the house—if there is one—and try to enlist her sympathies for the committee's work. A chart will be compiled showing whether the people called are in favour of the committee's objectives, against them, or merely neutral.

Those who are sympathetic will be called upon to write letters to the President, Senators, Representatives and members of the Administration, urging support for the measures recommended by the committee, which is now trying to arouse public opinion in favour of sending Britain 25 American "flying fortresses."

Calls will be made by a team of 1,410 women. It is estimated that if one person made these calls and took two minutes for each, it would take him nearly 30 years to complete the task, assuming that he worked eight hours a day on every day of the week.

Secret U.S. Planes

NEW types of American aircraft will soon be flying with the R.A.F.

The names of three of them are still a secret, but they include fighters made by the Curtiss Company.

Even after these three machines have been put into service, they will not be mentioned by name in official bulletins until it is believed that the enemy knows about them and their capabilities.

But two American machines that will soon be officially mentioned are the Buffalo and the Boston.

The Buffalo is one of the latest United States single-seater fighters.

Snub-Nosed Fighter
Designed for the United States Navy, it is a snub-nosed, single-engine, low-winged fighter, but details of its performance have not yet been disclosed.

The Boston is a bomber. It will be the first aircraft with a tricycle undercarriage to go into service with the R.A.F.

Instead of a wheel at the tail it has one at the nose, apart from the two main landing wheels in the nacelles of the motors.

At rest it is permanently in the take-off position, so that it needs only a short run to become airborne. Both the Buffalo and the Boston are believed to be better than anything of similar type belonging to the Nazis.

Cripps' Son Is C.O.

A Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, at Oxford, recently registered John Stafford Cripps, the son of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, to do work of national importance.

He will be required to do agricultural or horticultural work or market gardening for two days a week.

Cripps submitted that war was irreconcilable with the Christian belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

He was at one time prospective Labour candidate for Exeter.

GERMANS TRY TO WIN OVER GUERNSEY ISLANDERS

GERMANS in occupation of Guernsey are trying to win over the islanders to their cause by kid glove methods—but over all is the shadow of the Gestapo, says a "Daily Herald" correspondent.

One of a party of eight men who got away from the island in a 20-foot boat told of life in Nazi Guernsey.

"The invaders are so extra courteous," he said, "that they even step off the pavement to allow women to pass."

"There is a penalty of 15 years' imprisonment for anyone who speaks slightly of German soldiers, and the singing of 'God Save the King' is forbidden."

"Everyday is made to work. Flat rates of pay are 30s. a week for single men and 38s. for married men, with a few extra shillings for each child."

"All the wages are paid by the Guernsey State."

Rationing Severe
"Rationing was getting severe when I left. We were each allowed two ounces of butter and sixpennyworth of meat a week."

"Bread is poor. It is made of

PANAMA HIGHWAY READY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (UP).—Definite announcement by the Panama Government that the trans-Isthmian highway, connecting Panama City, on the Pacific, with Colon, on the Atlantic, would be completed in the immediate future has been received with much public enthusiasm, according to a report of the Commerce Department from Panama.

The office of the American Commercial Attaché at Panama City said it is understood that work on about 25 miles of the highway yet unfinished will be rushed by working three shifts, a development which will further improve the already encouraging employment situation.

Local commercial interests were reported to foresee many advantages to the Republic as the result of the completion of this highway, including acceleration of freight movement from the Atlantic side docks to Panama City, expansion by the trucking business, and development of the now isolated areas of the interior.

Cotton Raid Plan Hopes

Mr. Churchill's promise to re-examine the question of air-raid insurance for property has been especially well received in Lancashire.

Some mills in the Bolton district recently formed a small pool to which each contributed and from which each could draw if they suffered damage.

But the inland Revenue authorities refused to consider these contributions as part of the expenses of the business, and demanded that they should be included in profits for tax purposes.

This attitude stopped further contributions, with the result that the pool is too small to be effective. The industry now hopes that Mr. Churchill's re-examination will cover this point.

Island "King" Sued In U. S.

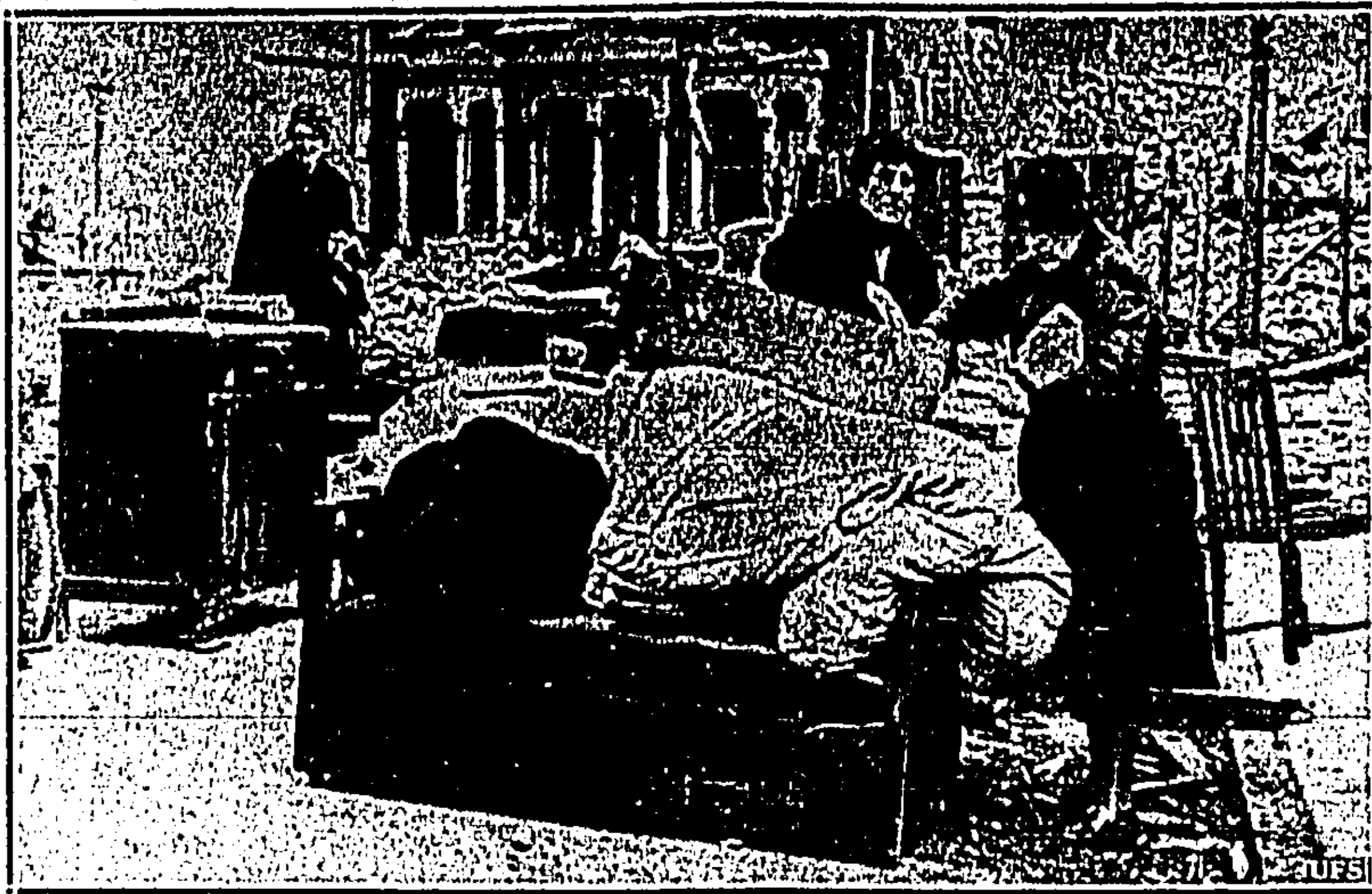
A suit for divorce has been filed in New York against Mr. Harold Fortington, former "King of Jethou," the island paradise in the Channel Isles, and since the war Director-General of Progress and Statistics at the War Office.

His wife, Mrs. Edna Winifred Fortington, a daughter of Sir Ernest Jardine, the Nottingham lace machine magnate, is asking for 500 dollars (£100) weekly alimony and 10,000 dollars (£2,000) lawyers' fees.

Contested
She says in her petition that she is living in comparative poverty in New York with her daughter.

The Sunday Dispatch, New York correspondent says Mr. Fortington has contested the suit.

Mr. Fortington bought the Isle of Jethou from Mr. Compton Mackenzie, the novelist.



DISPOSSESSED BY HITLER—Homeless folk are becoming generally seen on London streets as Hitler's airmen continue raids on Britain's capital city. Those above were dispossessed by bombs, but they are attempting to salvage belongings from their homes.

Young Girl May Send Mother To Her Death

A GIRL of 22 may doom her mother to the electric chair in New York. This is the latest development in the fantastic story of "Murder Incorporated"—The Brooklyn "cash and bury" syndicate which is now believed to have been responsible for 54 murders.

Two leaders of the gang, "Bugsy" Goldstein and "Pittsburgh Phil" Strauss, were sentenced to death recently for the murder of a man known as "Puggy" Freinstein.

The girl is Mrs. Sylvia Weiner who married Benjamin ("Chippy") Weiner when she was 16. Her husband is now in Sing Sing Prison, serving a term for robbery.

Her mother, Mrs. Rose Pantel, a widow of 40, known as "The Red Rose of Williamsburg," is under arrest, charged as an accomplice to the murder of a gangster-known as Rubin ("The Mock") Shapiro. Mr. O'Dwyer, New York's District Attorney, believes that she knows the secrets of ten other gang murders.

Visit To Husband
The daughter was detained as a material witness, but after a visit to her husband in Sing Sing she refused to talk. To convince her that to tell what she knows may be the only way to save her mother's life, Mr. O'Dwyer pointed to her and said:

"There's a girl who for love of a man in Sing Sing is going to send her mother to the electric chair."

The murders which the District Attorney hopes to solve as a result of Mrs. Pantel's arrest were committed in a gang war which followed an attempt by a group led by "Knockout" Harry Halperin to "muscle in" on territory run by another group, known as the "Larney Boys."

Rubin Shapiro, a loan shark, was marked-for-murder because the Larney gang suspected that he was financing Halperin's mob and supplying them with guns and cars.

Nazis Send Propaganda To Cabinet

NAZI propaganda is still being distributed in England by members of the former British Union of Fascists.

These people, who have managed to elude the police net, have been sending anonymous notes to Cabinet Ministers, writers of newspaper articles and public men.

In nearly every case the senders have used a rubber stamp, with movable type and an inkling pad.

"Hell Hitler" and "You dirty Jew" are two favourite phrases. Others are of a highly obscene nature.

Scotland-yard and G.P.O. detectives are trying to trace the senders. Some of the notes have been posted in South-East London and others in South-East London.

Known To Police
"As a political organization the British Union of Fascists ceased to exist after the arrest of its leader," said a Scotland-yard official. "The organization has been broken up."

"Active members of the body have been dealt with and others are known to the police."

"Since the arrest of Sir Oswald Mosley many of the rank and file members have kept particularly quiet. There are still some who are trying to keep Fascism alive, but they do not dare to come out in the open. They are content to send these anonymous communications."

MORE NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE
New Zealand hopes to send to Britain greatly increased supplies of butter and cheese in the coming year, said Mr. W. Jordan, High Commissioner for the Dominion, speaking at the National Trade Union Club.

The produce of New Zealand—wool, butter, cheese and meat—was being sold to the British Government at an agreed price.

DAMAGES AWARDED TO GIRL

—Police Sued

A 15-year-old domestic servant who successfully claimed damages for false imprisonment from four police officers, had her claim increased from £50 to £80 by Judge Capron at Dudley County Court recently.

He described the methods adopted by the police officers in investigating the disappearance of a handbag as "highly improper and dangerous to the course of justice."

The fact that the girl was an infant gave him power to increase her modest claim.

Fetched From Bed

Vera Turner, of 10bert Street, Lower Gornal, sued Inspector Felton, in charge of the Sedgley (Staffordshire) Police Station, P.C.s Williams and Plant and War Reserve Constable Bicknell.

She complained that after a woman had missed a bag containing £22 she was fetched out of bed at her employer's house at midnight, taken to the police station and severely questioned.

P.C.'s "Inexperience"

The judge held that the girl was taken to the station against her will. Normal police investigation would have shown there was no ground for the conclusion that the bag had been lost.

He believed that the sole desire of the officers was to carry out their duty. That they did so improperly was due in the case of the constables to inexperience and over hasty conclusions, and in the case of the inspector to an undue acceptance and reliance upon conclusions and theories of his subordinates.

Bird Of Paradise Grows Long Tail

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 24 (UP).—A bird of paradise in New Guinea has outdone the dog that grew a tail so long that the dog was wagged by the tail. The bird, nine inches in length, has grown a tail three feet long.

It has been named the "McNicol's ribbon-tailed bird of paradise," after Sir William McNicol, administrator of New Guinea, who has sent a specimen to the Museum here.

ONE NURSE SAVES 18 BOMBED EXPECTANT MOTHERS

EIGHTEEN expectant London mothers owe their lives to the amazing heroism of 30-year-old Staff Nurse Tegwen Davies. Single-handed, she dragged them from the remains of a bombed pre-natal home in East Anglia.

The bomb wrecked one side of the home one night recently, burying a number of the mothers under piles of bricks and fallen timbers.

"It was only a fluke that I happened to be near the spot," said Nurse Davies. "There was no nursing staff at the home—only a housekeeper. I was outside."

"I saw the bomb fall in the moonlight and flung myself flat on the ground."

"Then all hell seemed to break loose. There was a terrific flash, and bits of brick were flung all around me."

"When I picked myself up I could hear a number of women screaming for help."

"I clambered over the debris and started to feel around in the dark. It was simply dreadful."

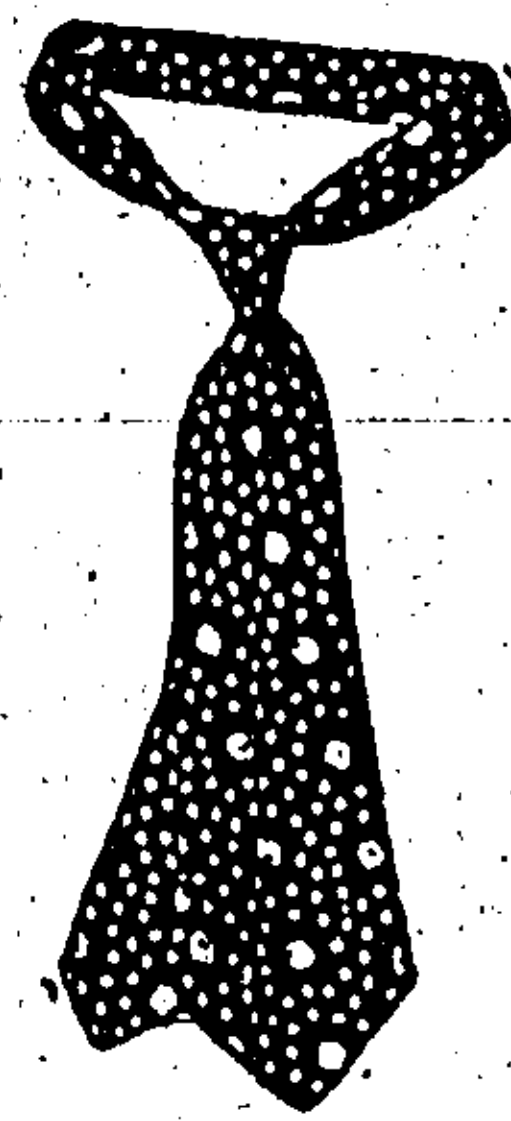
Blast Blackened
"All the women were blackened by the bomb blast and I had the greatest difficulty in finding those who were unconscious."

Six of them staggered out with a little help, but I had to drag 12 out by the armpits."

"To make matters worse, the shock sent most of the mothers into labour. I placed them down on the pavement and tried to stop cars and lor-

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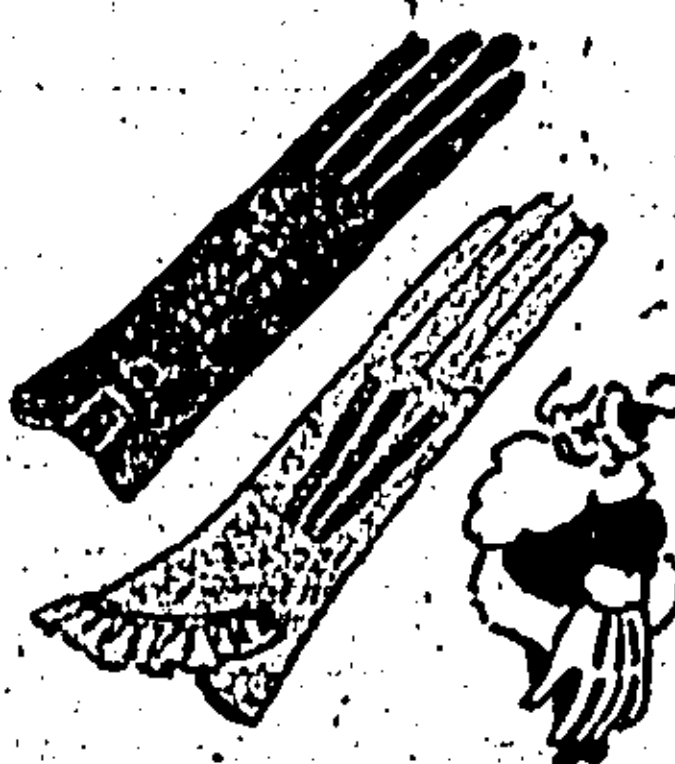
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King Cheers Citizens Among Bristol Ruins

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Standing on a heap of blackened ruins in Bristol to-day, His Majesty the King talked to a woman whose home lay in ruins.

The woman, carrying a baby daughter in her arms, told the King how she, with three other daughters and a baby, was buried for hours beneath tons of bricks, tiles and broken glass when Bristol had its big bombing attack recently.

The King travelled several miles through the city to see the devastation caused by recent raids, and at several points where he left his car, he was completely surrounded by cheering men and women, many of whom shouted "We are not down-hearted. God bless Your Majesty."

The King included a visit to Bristol University, where the King inspected the damage to the Great Hall and was cheered by a crowd of men and women students.

His Majesty also had a meeting with his mother, Queen Mary, who is now living in the West Country, and who gave the King her good wishes on his birthday.

Italians Try Coal Gas To Drive Aeroplanes

ROME, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as a driving power for aeroplanes.

The "Slefant" News Agency says that experiments are carried out at the aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda plane fitted with an 80-h.p. motor was adapted for the use of coal gas and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.

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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

Frozen Danube Hinders Nazis

River Traffic Stopped

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany will be closed, probably until March, owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The River Navigation Control Organisation has ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from to-day, says a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugo-Slav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter, and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit in the next few days.

Indo-China Will Not Yield To Thai Menaces

VICHY, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The integrity of Indo-China is to be maintained absolutely intact, says a statement issued to-day by the French Ministry of Colonies in connection with Thailand frontier incidents.

Complaining about the frequent border raids in which "intolerable attacks on Indo-Chinese persons and property" were made and French and natives were killed, and recalling that Thai planes had bombed several Indo-Chinese localities, the official statement says that in reprisal, Indo-Chinese aircraft "dropped bombs on an equivalent number of Siamese localities."

The statement concludes: "The Government of Thailand will doubtless not delay in reducing to order these unfortunate excursions of pirates or leaders of military units at a distance from Bangkok."

Cambodia's King Interviewed

PNOMPENH, Dec. 16 (UP).—Although he has been quite ill for some time, Sisowath Monivong, 65, King of Cambodia granted an exclusive interview to the "United Press" to-day from his golden-roofed semi-sandbagged Palace. It was his first statement to the foreign press.

The King said, "Because of the present circumstances, the Kingdom of Cambodia is now united more strongly than ever before with France, for it was France who attacked Cambodia from total destruction and during the past 70 years has caused complete peace and progress."

"It is not only the complete loyalty of the Khmer people and their King towards France, it is even more like the true love that children give their mother. At present, when foreign claims are being made, which appear strange to the Khmers who know the history of their fatherland, the Cambodians unflinchingly assure France of their entire concurrence for the defence of Cambodian sacred soil."

Vichy Places Blame
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Dec. 16 (UP).—A communique issued to-day says that Siamese "pirates and military com-

END OF EXTRALITY

After China War Says Mr Wang Chung-hui

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (UP).—Mr Wang Chung-hui, China's Foreign Minister, in a speech here to-day, said that victory against Japanese aggression would mark the end of extra-territoriality.

He said that Anglo-Saxon and Soviet support for the Chinese resistance is steadily increasing, and therefore China should do her utmost to bring the struggle to a successful and early conclusion.

He cited the statements of Roosevelt, Sumner Welles and Churchill expressing their willingness to abolish extra-territoriality at the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese war.

NEWPORT, R.I., Dec. 16 (UP).—Admiral Harry Yarnell (Ret.) has been confined to the Naval Hospital since last Friday with bronchitis.

His wife reported that he was comfortable and that his condition is not believed to be serious; however, he will remain in bed for one week.

Mandates isolated from Bangkok, rather than a concerted military effort organised or sponsored by the Siamese Government, is responsible for the Siam-Indo China situation.

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BRITISH PILOT BAGS SIX Over Western Desert

LONDON, Dec. 16 (British
Wireless).—How a British pilot
flying an eight-gunned fighter
over the Western Desert brought
down six Italian CR-42's in a
quarter of an hour is told in his
report.

Flying 12,000 feet up somewhere
between Bardia and Sollum, he saw
six Breda-05's escorted by five CR-
42's flying two at one level and three
lower down.

Diving to attack, he fired bursts at
the two high Italians and saw their
machines turn over and the pilots
bale out. Carrying on the dive to
the lower three, he got bursts into
the leader and the starboard aircraft,
the pilots of which also took to
parachutes. The fifth and last of the
escort was overtaken, later and
shared a similar fate.

Attacked By Three Planes
As soon as this victim was disposed
of the British pilot found himself at-
tacked by three other CR-42's.

The report continued: "I put
everything forward and touched 400
m.p.h. and got away. My dive
brought me down to 3,000 feet over
Sollum Bay. There I saw two
more CR-42's making their way
homewards. The leader saw me
manoeuvring and they parted.
Both the leader and I still turned
and we faced each other head on. I
don't think he had much ammunition
as I saw only small bursts of
incendiaries pass me. I held my
burst to a very short distance and
just managed to clear him. Turning
back, I saw him going down
vertically."

More Excitement
The pilot's excitement was not yet
over, for three more CR-42's attacked
him and the bullets of their guns
pierced the glycol tank—an integral
part of the liquid engine cooling
system—and he was all but suffocated
by the fumes. Fortunately the
Italians broke off the chase on being
fired at by A.A. guns and the pilot
managed to land safely, being picked
up by British reconnaissance troops.
Next day he rejoined his squadron
and once more started flying against
the enemy.

Monks Back In England

Carmelite monks have returned
to Kent after 400 years absence.
Members of the fraternity
have established themselves
in houses at Faversham and
Sittingbourne.

Refugees from Mount Carmel,
dressed in grotesque capes of striped
brown and white, first came to Kent
with Sir Richard Gray when he re-
turned from leading the Crusaders in
Palestine 700 years ago.

He built them a house at Ayles-
ford, where, a few years later, they
established a full Order and built
several priories.

They were driven out at the Dis-
solution and scattered over the Coun-
ty. Hitler's hordes have driven
them back.

Traffic Offence

M. d'Almeida Remedios of 1 Liber-
ty Avenue, Homunlin, was summoned
before Mr Q. A. A. Macfadyen at
Kowloon Magistracy to-day for fail-
ing to keep to the left side of the
road when driving a motorcycle in
Kowloon on November 22. The
summons was admitted and a caution
was administered.

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Gifts to Britain Are Advocated by Mrs. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reu-
ter).—Outright cash gifts to
Britain rather than loans, were
advocated by Mrs. Roosevelt at
a press conference to-day.

Asked where such a gift would
come from, she replied: "From
Government" adding, "Ultimate-
ly they would come from the
pockets of you and me."

"A certain number of people," she
continued, "are under the impression
that we are giving aid to England,
but we must face the reality. We are
being paid."

Preference To Loans
She added that gifts would be less
likely to involve the United States in
war than would loans. Sending sup-
plies to Britain had been helpful to
the United States in that it had
helped to stimulate industry in the
interests of the United States National
Defence.

"We do not see that there must be
a reason to talk about loans. We
should not make the mistakes we
made the last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when asked
if she meant that these loans were not
repaid.

Assistance Sought

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—It
has been confirmed by high officials
that the British Government has
asked the United States for financial
assistance. They said that Sir
Frederick Phillips, who is at present
confering with Mr Henry Morgan-
thau, Secretary of the Treasury, had
asked for aid but the type of loan or
the amount is not known.

Repeal Act, Proposal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—
Representative Sol. Bloom, Chairman
of the House Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee, proposed to-day that the
Neutrality Act be repealed in order
to give more help to Britain. He
said: "There is no use in fooling our-
selves. It is necessary to repeal the
Act in order to help Britain, it should
be done."

He emphasized that he is strongly
opposed to the use of United States
ships as escorts for vessels in
British convoys.

Belgium Feels Pinch Of Food Shortage

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—
German soldiers in Brussels salute
Belgian reserve officers returning
from prison camps but do not salute
Italian air force officers, according to
the Free Belgian news agency.

The agency also reports that food
shops in Belgium have closed owing
to shortage of supplies and it is
believed that the local authorities will
have to undertake the distribution of
primary foodstuffs.

Although Belgian prisoners of war
are now being released, their return
is taking a long time.

TURKISH FLOODS Torrential Rain Swamps Plains

ISTANBUL, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—
Widespread floods have caused serious
damage in Anatolia.

Torrential rains have swollen the
Siny and Hanito Rivers, which have
again inundated the districts which
were flooded last year.

The low-lying regions in the
province of Smyrna are also under
water.

So far no casualties are reported
but the damage is large.
Snowstorms and bitter cold are
reported throughout Turkey.

Hongkong To See Timely News Film

Showings To-day

A news film which comes at a
particularly opportune time is to be
shown at the Queen's Theatre to-
day; it reveals what comparatively
little damage has been caused to
London by the constant Nazi air
raids.

The Nazis do all they can to sug-
gest that London is in ruins, and
the fact that news cameramen have
concentrated chiefly on pictorialising
the damage which has been caused,
has served to provide a slight loss
of perspective. Undoubtedly London
has suffered, but this authentic news
film serves to remind that in relation
to the whole, the damage to the
Empire's capital is insignificant.

In addition the film contains other
interesting shots, and concludes with
a moving record of the King's speech
from Buckingham Palace during an
air raid. The speech was heard in
Hongkong, but its effect and impres-
siveness is heightened on the screen
by the use of background material.
While the King speaks the camera
records the courage and suffering of
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The whole thing leaves a very mov-
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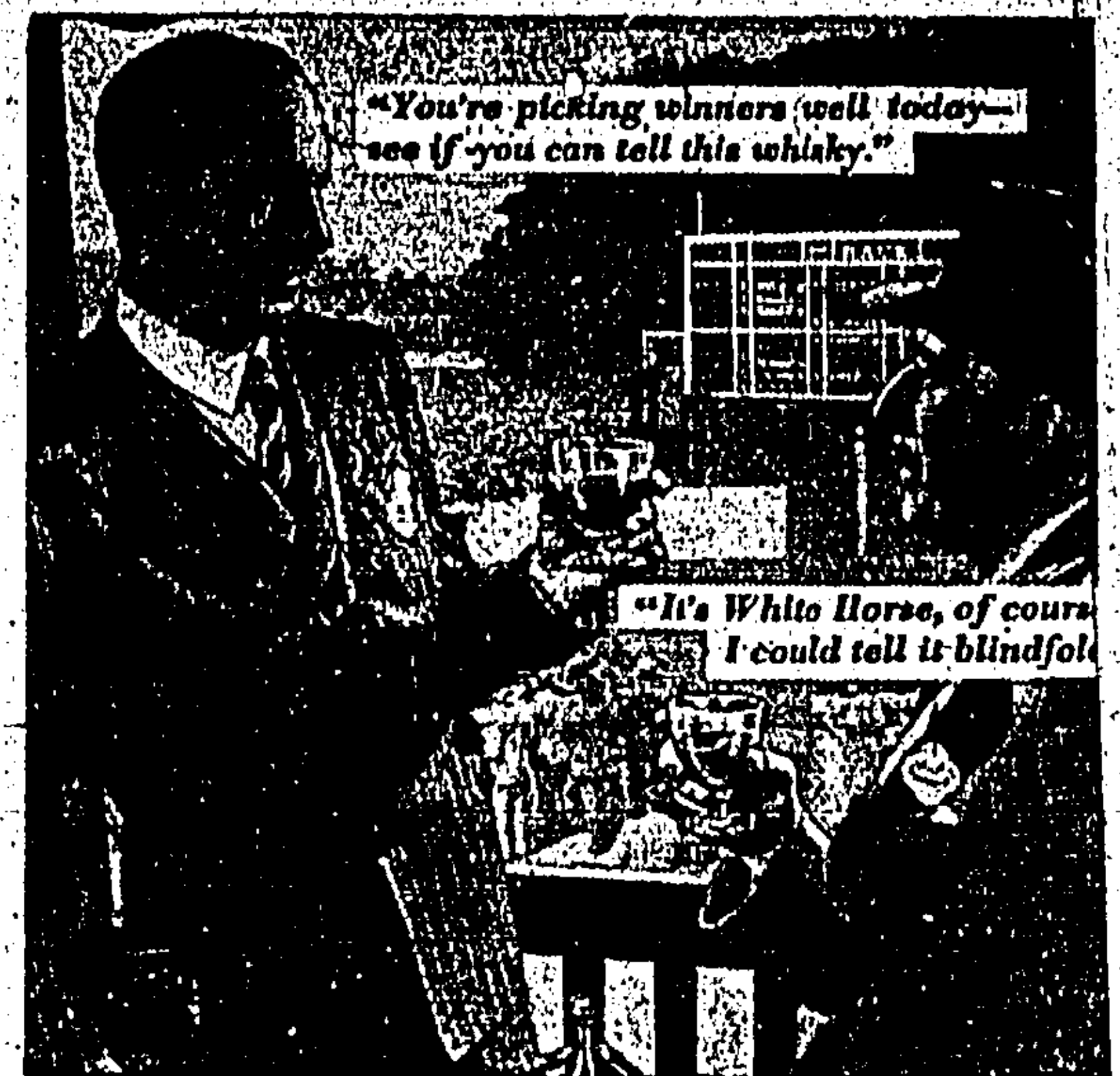
Decoux Flies To Saigon

Significant Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Dec. 16 (Dome).—
Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, the
Governor-General of French
Indo-China, left here for Saigon
by an Air France plane at 5
o'clock this afternoon. It is
understood that the Governor-
General will stay at Saigon for
about a month or two.

Observers see unusual significance
in the Governor's trip in view of
the current border dispute with Thailand
and the recent series of riots by An-
namites in Cochinchina.

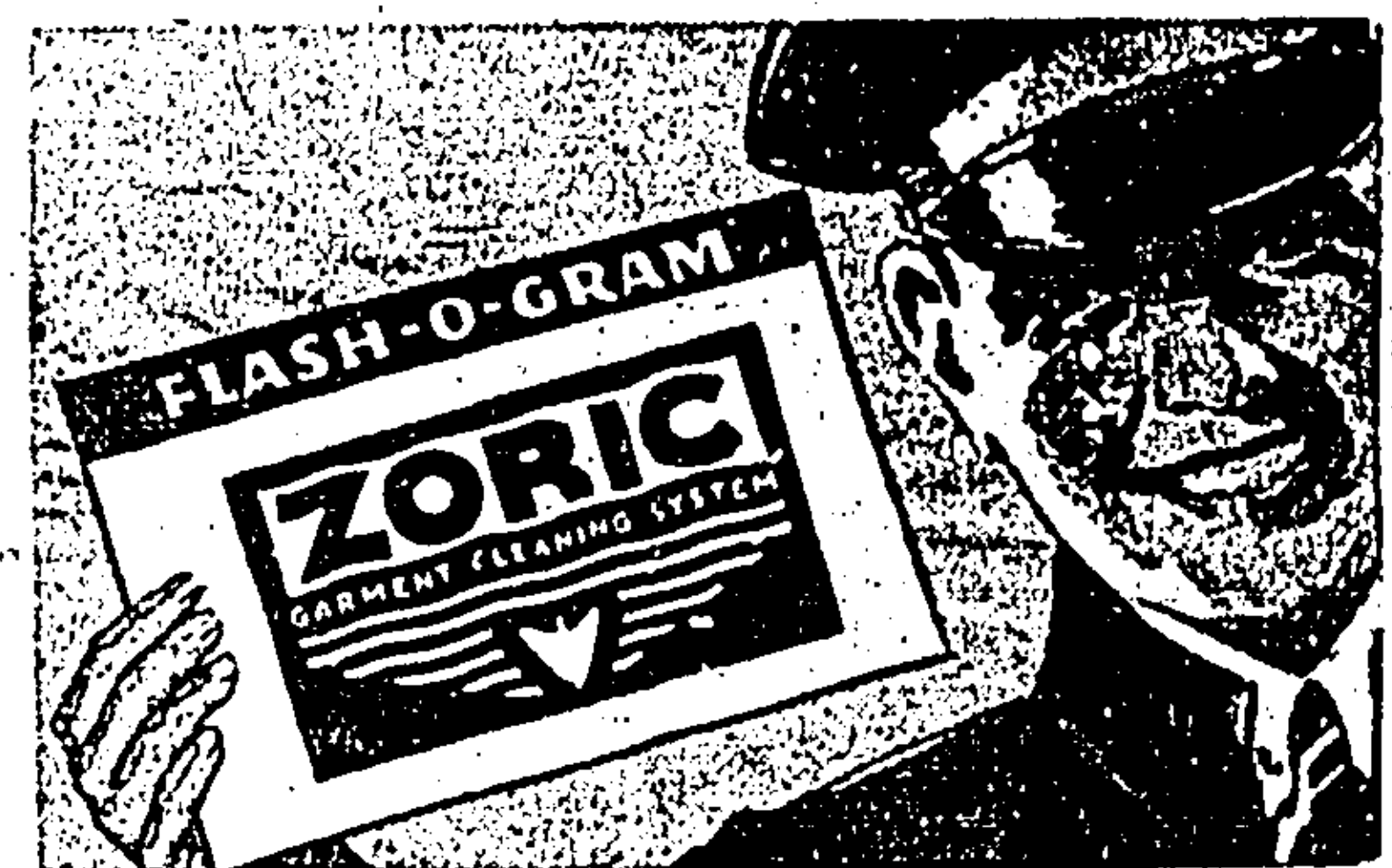
Major-General Raishiro Sumita,
chief of the Japanese Military Mis-
sion to French Indo-China, is also
flying to Saigon on December 20 on
an inspection tour of the southern
districts of French Indo-China.



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I.L.O. Still Very Much Alive

THE I. L. O. Year Book for 1939-40 has just arrived from Geneva, and serves to remind us that despite war difficulties, the Office is still at work.

Its work is no longer being carried on in Switzerland, though the headquarters remain there.

The staff has been greatly reduced and is dispersed about the world.

Some officials are in Britain, while Mr. J. G. Winant, the Director, and others are in Montreal, where a new Organising Centre has been set up temporarily.

Peace Task

The dispersal has involved great difficulties and hardship, but the International Labour Organisation remains alive and in active service.

It is able to continue the extensive work of supplying facts and guidance from its vast resources of information to its affiliated countries—a service that is seldom advertised but much appreciated.

Before long, and sooner than some people expect, the I.L.O. will be required to play a much bigger part—helping to frame the basis of the peace.

Many Contacts

The resources of the Office and the services of its expert staff will be valuable, while the form of the Organisation itself—consisting of governments, workers, and employers—provide unique machinery for devising the foundations for real peace.

Every country now at war with Germany and Italy is a member of the I.L.O. Fields membership continues despite invasion.

Moreover, the I.L.O. is in contact with all the exiled Governments and trade unions and employers' organisations.

More Money For Bombers

A total of \$1,495,318.30 was reached yesterday by the War Fund Inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Police Recreation Fund	\$113
Box (further donation)	23
"Miles"	15
Christopher, Morris & Jennifer Lee	10
"2nd donation"	10
"Four Outstanding Lions"	10
Sir Atholl & Lady MacGregor (2nd donation)	1,000
Mr. L. Reynolds	200
Cheero Club (further sale of old film, etc.)	3
No. 1 M. G. Coy. H.K.V.D.C. Dinner (2nd instalment)	271
Mrs. Crellie D. Robinson (5th donation)	100
Requiem Mass, Lyemun	20
Central Police Station Canton (further donation)	57
"Mail Trail"	15
No. 1 Det. 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C.	17
No. 3 Det. 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C.	23

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The following are subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:

Previously acknowledged	\$100
\$210.00.27. A. H. Guinness (monthly)	10
\$20. D. G. Day (monthly)	15
Trading Co. (monthly)	10
Kennedy (monthly)	10
one bandage roller per Madame Renaud	5
sale of one callus per Mrs. H. F. Phillips	1
\$1. sale of knitting wool per Mrs. T. E. Pearce	100
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hill (monthly)	10
\$20. Joseph Prentice (monthly)	10
\$20. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly)	10
\$10. Total	\$218.170.07

IMMIGRATION DEPOT

An immigration depot will shortly be established at the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's godowns in Connaught Road, West. Mr. J. H. B. Lee, who was recently appointed Deputy Immigration Officer, will be in charge. The godowns are at present being used by the Immigration authorities for the examination of passports, visas, entry permits, etc., of incoming passengers.

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SEEK SANCTUARY—Accepting the situation like a picnic, these crippled children of Heritage Craft Schools, Chailley, Sussex, England, have dinner in an air raid shelter.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS GERMAN TROOPSHIP

THERE was a morning when hard-boiled eggs cast a gloom through the 640-ton British submarine Sturgeon—but that is another story. The torpedoing of a 10,000-ton Nazi transport provided the day's main news item.

Within a few minutes the German ship was ablaze and soon afterwards she sank.

The exploit was revealed in an Admiralty communique. It happened off North Denmark on the evening of September 2.

Early in the month Stockholm reports had told of the sinking of a German transport by a British submarine. Most of the 4,000 troops on board were drowned, it was said.

An officer of the Sturgeon said: "We went up the Skagerrak. It was blowing hard, and we saw nothing until an aeroplane came into sight, just as it was getting dusk."

In silhouette "About half an hour later, the hydrophone operator reported the faint sound of a ship. The Sturgeon was brought up and two small German destroyers and a very large transport were sighted."

"Conditions were not very good. We were some distance from our quarry, but she was silhouetted against the light of the setting sun." "As soon as we had fired the torpedo we submerged, but soon the commanding officer came up for a look. A moment or two later we heard a great explosion and, the commanding officer, looking through the periscope, saw a gigantic column of smoke coming up from the transport."

"After about ten minutes the transport burst into flames and became a blazing mass from stem to stern. It was a terrific sight."

Bad Moment "We went down to relay our torpedoes, and when we came up to the surface again there was nothing left but the two destroyers, with their searchlights on, picking up the survivors."

"We had one bad moment for as we came to the surface it was not realised that the searchlights were on and we came right into their beams. The destroyers were about three miles away and did not see us."

The officer added: "We were not feeling too well that morning. We

had some extraordinarily hard-boiled eggs for breakfast."

"An A.B. does what cooking can be done, and when I asked how long he had boiled the eggs he said, 'Two and a half hours, sir'."

"There were a hundred eggs to cook for three minutes. So he multiplied 100 by three, made a few other calculations, and boiled our eggs for 2½ hours."

Commanding the Sturgeon is 31-year-old Lieut. G. D. A. Gregory, who was awarded the D.S.O. last December for successful action against enemy submarines.

He is the elder son of Lieut.-Col. G. M. A. Gregory, R.A., of Tayliff House, Perth.

The Sturgeon belongs to the Swordfish class and was first commissioned in December, 1932.

Jack Payne Wed In Secret Jack Payne, the band leader, and Peggy Cochrane, musician, singer, and writer of dance tunes, recently revealed that they were married on July 24.

Early this year they were both in France, entertaining the B.E.F. There they were in a car crash. The car turned over several times, then hit a telegraph pole. No one in the car was seriously hurt.

Titian-haired Miss Cochrane plays the piano and violin. You know her well on the air. She is an expert on Brahms, and won a classical reputation before turning to swing—which she did after a chance remark at a party where she had played a dance tune.

Jack Payne's former marriage was dissolved last November.

BRITAIN'S OFFER TO RUSSIA

—Reply Awaited

It is understood that no answer has yet been received from the Russian Government to the British proposal made to Mr. Maisky, the Russian Ambassador, says a London correspondent.

Mr. Maisky was entertained to lunch by Lord Halifax, after which a conference took place at the Foreign Office about the new status of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia resulting from their incorporation in the U.S.S.R.

Lord Halifax's proposal is understood to have been that the Russian Government should precisely assess the amount of its claims against the British Government for gold (amounting to about £4,000,000) and ships (some twenty-five to thirty) formerly belonging to the Baltic States now held by Britain, and that the British claim for investments, loans, and other property in the Baltic States be placed against them.

It is understood to be the British revised estimate that such British loans amount to some £5,500,000. Mr. Maisky has transmitted the proposal to Moscow and is waiting for the answer.

Too High?

There is some ground for the expectation that the Russian Government will be disappointed that the British claims are put so high, the more so as the initial tentative and as it proved incorrect, British estimate was substantially smaller.

But until the Moscow answer is received there is no ground for conjecture about the possibility of compromise. Tuesday's negotiations were, at any rate, conducted in a friendly spirit on both sides.

Danubian Conference

As for the Danubian situation, the fact that Moscow has informed the German Ambassador, Count von der Schulenberg, that Russia must "participate" in deciding questions concerning the Danube should not be taken as indicating any serious strain in Russo-German relations. So far the common Russian and German determination not to be drawn into war with each other holds firm.

It is true that Germany's convening of a Danubian Commission in Vienna without consulting Russia has irritated Moscow—as German high-browedness normally irritates other interested parties—but experience prompts the expectation that Berlin will meet the situation by satisfying Russia's demands.

Such satisfaction is bound to be humiliating to Berlin and is bound to prevent the full harvest of Baltic loot being gathered by Germany; but Germany will have no option but to accept defeat because she cannot afford to accept the issue with Russia.

The defeat is expected to have important diplomatic consequences because Spain, at any rate, and Vichy France retain the full Catholic opposition to atheist Communism. Even Italy, despite Signor Mussolini's defiance of Catholic feeling in that country, still remains in some measure a country where Catholic principles exert an influence, and where, therefore, the German pledge of a year ago to consult with the Third International on all questions is still an irksome thorn in Italy's side.

Hitler's Double Game

It is not only that Herr Hitler is attempting to combine the suppression of the Catholic Church with the cultivation of Catholic peoples—Spaniards, French, and Italian—but he is playing his normal double game with Russia also. Mr. Stalin understands all about the game of sabotage. He is not likely to miss the significance of the clumsy German technique in forming a Ukrainian Legion in German Poland.

What is more likely is that German intrigue, made careless by the ease of its successes in the panic-stricken Continent of Europe, will underestimate the strength of Russia's determination not to tolerate a subterranean German infiltration in the Ukraine. Germany herself may in the end make impossible the common Russo-German tactics of steering clear of war with each other.

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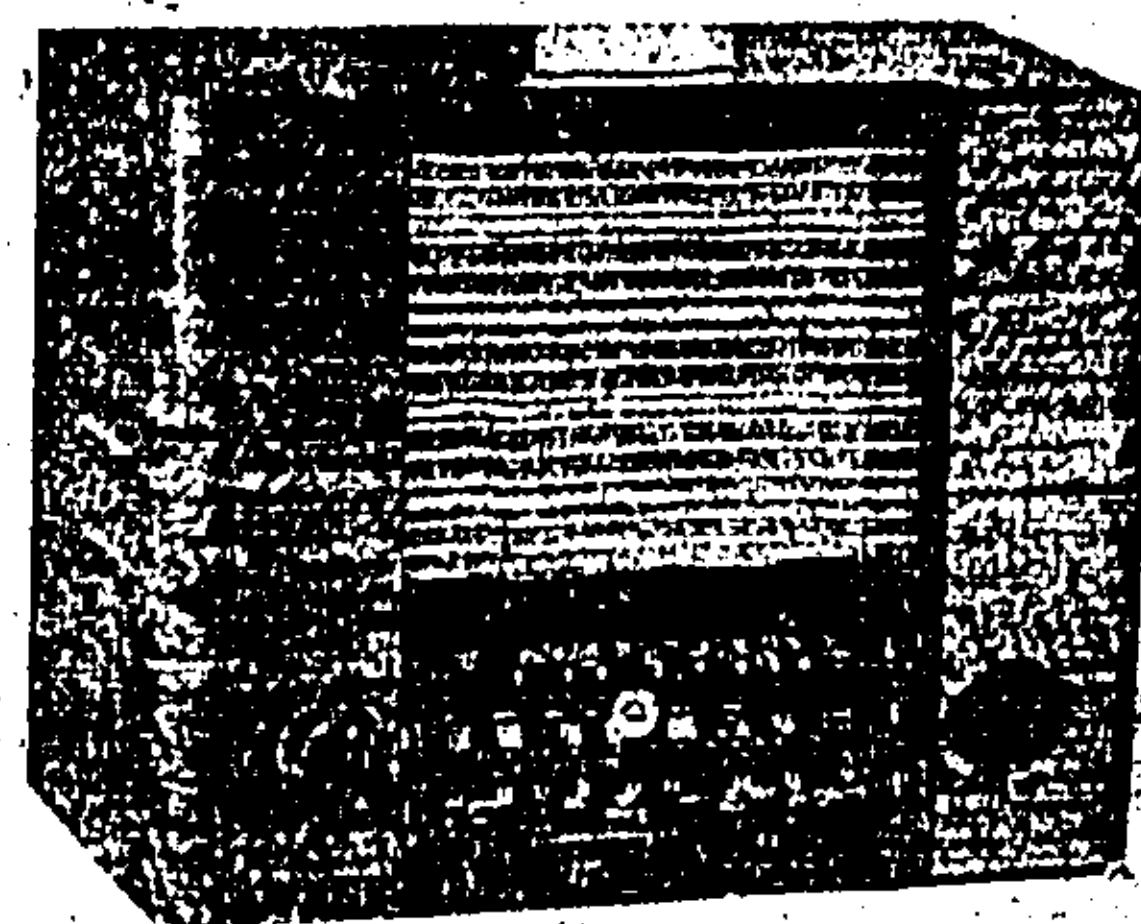
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R.A.F. Bomb Vital Points In Berlin

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railway line was temporarily interrupted as a result of last night's British raids.

At Herford, Westphalia, a church was destroyed by a direct hit. One British plane was shot down.

No R.A.F. Losses

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—"An attack on a number of important targets in the Berlin area, including railways, factories and public utilities," is mentioned in an R.A.F. communiqué describing Sunday night's activities.

Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bombed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main and neighbouring targets, while Kiel shipyards and Bremen were also attacked.

The communiqué adds that during the course of the operations, R.A.F. bombers observed enemy merchant vessels off the French coast and attacked them, scoring direct hits.

No British Aircraft are Missing

Five Nazi Raiders Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 16 (UP).—The Chief Constable, Mayor F. S. James, announced to-day that five German raiders were shot down over Sheffield last night.

The raiders first rained incendiary bombs, followed by high explosives, which started several fires. Many houses and streets were damaged, but the damage was not as great as that during previous raids. Hundreds of additional people are homeless, but the casualties were fewer than might have been expected.

Tepelini And Himara Occupied

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masters of the situation. Some new positions were taken.

On the southern sector, the Greeks took a number of Italian prisoners including some officers. Three high Italian officers were killed.

Himara Casualties

STRUGA, Dec. 16 (UP).—It has been reported from the front that three Greek officers and 63 soldiers were killed in the fighting at Himara and about 100 wounded. Six Italian officers and 10 soldiers were killed, and 100 wounded.

The Greeks captured four officers and about 300 Italian soldiers.

Athens Communique

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (UP).—The War Ministry to-day announced "local fighting of a limited character continues to be successful on different parts of the front and has resulted in some advances along certain lines."

The Ministry of Public Security reported: "All is quiet in the interior of the country."

NEW FIRST LORD

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ping losses in the Atlantic and feels that Admiral Cunningham, with his successes in the Mediterranean, is the man to fill the bill.

The Vice-Admiral of Submarines, Admiral Sir Max Horton, and Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, hero of the battle of the River Plate, are mentioned as possible successors to Admiral Cunningham.

The Story Behind M. Laval's Dismissal

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ed heavily from the British-Greek successes. It is also reported that General Weygand was personally opposed to M. Laval.

Flandin III

VICHY, Dec. 16 (UP).—M. Flandin is ill with the gripe and a throat infection and has been ordered to bed.

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Stock Exchange

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).

Enterprise in industrial sections on the Stock Exchange was lacking, otherwise conditions were cheerful.

Gift-edged Indian loans, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek bonds registered higher gains.

Oils continued in favour though a little profit taking occasionally retarded earlier advances.

After an early local support, finished a little irregular.

Home industrials were generally quiet.

Wall Street was quietly irregular.

Evidence Against Harry Bridges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 16 (UP).—Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said to-day that he had evidence which was gathered by the F.B.I. which "indicates that Mr. Harry Bridges should be deported, and that the Communist Party in the United States should be outlawed."

Mr. Bridges is the California Director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Inquiry Into Man's Death

Mr. H. G. Sheldon sat as coroner at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, with a jury, to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Tong Ling, aged 38, who died after an accident in King's Road, North Point on October 6, in which a car, driven by Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A.F. W. A. Muckinlay of Messrs Doane appeared for Lieut. Pearce and Sub-Inspector J. L. Clarke was present for the Police Department.

In cutting the case said that Lieut. Pearce was driving was being followed in another car by his brother, Lieut. T. A. Pearce. When near the North Point bathing sheds they overtook Major Morgan in his car; he was travelling at 30 miles an hour at the time.

When near the Teang Fook Piano Company, Lieut. Pearce saw Chinese attempting to cross the road. He sounded his horn, but the man did not appear to hear, until startled, he suddenly heard the horn and moved forward into the car. Lieut. Pearce applied his brakes violently and swerved, but could not avoid hitting the man.

Dr. K. L. Lee of the Queen Mary Hospital said that the man died shortly after admission and no post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to a ruptured spleen and haemorrhage.

The inquiry is continuing.

Death Inquiry

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and said that no blame attached to Lieut. Pearce.

BRITISH TAKE FORT CAPUZZO

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today that British pressure on the Libyan frontier continues, says a "United Press" despatch from London says that Marshal Graziani's troops are strongly entrenched in Sollum, which is just inside Egypt, and that British forces have encircled them, sweeping on across the Libyan frontier.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases, including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

Greatest Colonial Battle

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—"The greatest colonial battle in history" is how the Giornale d'Italia describes the military operations in North Africa.

Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declares: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means, the most powerful empire in the world believes that it can render hors-de-combat one of the peoples of the Axis. The events of the next few days will prove that this is an erroneous calculation."

Replying to a question by an American journalist who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, the "Giornale d'Italia" declares: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post and will not withdraw."

Unforgettable Sinks

CAIRO, Dec. 16.—A vivid story of "five days of life across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops was told me by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian Forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the campaign."

Captain Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the 1918-19 campaign and made five trips to the South Pole with Shackleton and his men, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

A German Major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20 from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock. Hurley described the Nibelwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as a tomb. Everybody had moved on except two British tommyes left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Dead Caked In Dust

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust. Hurley counted 38 Italian tanks—some smashed, some abandoned and damaged. Stray mules and dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

Near Nibelwa, the party came across another camp housing at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking. Captain Hurley described the Italians as well-fed, clothed and shod, contrasting with the Libyans.

Rapid Advance

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the 1st camp of Tumma, just south of Sidi Barrani. Field guns were lying all over the place. Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Captain Hurley said: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle, but the Imperial forces were moving at a rate of 50 miles a day. Then we heard the roar of naval guns booming from Sidi Barrani."

Aircraft Contend

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (UP).—The British captured a number of planes on the ground at El Sollum and Fort Capuzzo. No reinforcements are reaching the Italians.

LATE NEWS

Inquiry Into Man's Death

Mr. H. G. Sheldon sat as coroner at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, with a jury, to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Tong Ling, aged 38, who died after an accident in King's Road, North Point on October 6, in which a car, driven by Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, R.A.F. W. A. Muckinlay of Messrs Doane appeared for Lieut. Pearce and Sub-Inspector J. L. Clarke was present for the Police Department.

In cutting the case said that Lieut. Pearce was driving was being followed in another car by his brother, Lieut. T. A. Pearce. When near the North Point bathing sheds they overtook Major Morgan in his car; he was travelling at 30 miles an hour at the time.

When near the Teang Fook Piano Company, Lieut. Pearce saw Chinese attempting to cross the road. He sounded his horn, but the man did not appear to hear, until startled, he suddenly heard the horn and moved forward into the car. Lieut. Pearce applied his brakes violently and swerved, but could not avoid hitting the man.

Dr. K. L. Lee of the Queen Mary Hospital said that the man died shortly after admission and no post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to a ruptured spleen and haemorrhage.

The inquiry is continuing.

Death Inquiry

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and said that no blame attached to Lieut. Pearce.

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America's Defence Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (UP).—Congress authorised \$13,106,227,930.58 in commitments and direct appropriations for national defence during the current session, which set a peacetime spending record, according to an official tabulation of the House Appropriations Committee.

Chairman Edward T. Taylor (Navy) said total commitments for all purposes amounted to \$23,135,740,635.15. Of this amount, \$16,920,627,477.15 was direct cash, \$4,066,191,860 in contract authorisations, and \$2,148,921,298 payable from trust fund receipts and not from general funds.

The defence appropriations were as follows:

Army	Cash, \$5,818,008,748.24	Contract Authority, \$2,070,136,397	Total, \$7,888,145,145.24
Navy	Cash, \$2,711,092,523.34	Contract Authority, \$825,445,612	Total, \$3,536,538,135.34
Civil agencies (for defence)	Cash, \$580,644,048	Contract Authority, \$187,300,000	Total, \$767,944,048

In addition, Congress indirectly committed the government to another \$4,586,000,000, the estimated total cost of the two-ocean navy which the United States has started to build. This amount was not included in the figures since it represents an eventual sum which must be paid by subsequent Congresses if the programme is carried through.

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